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FIRE FORCE



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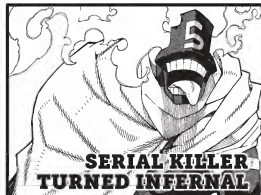
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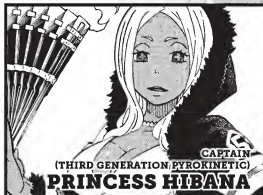


● SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 5



**SERIAL KILLER
TURNED INFERNAL**

A special breed of Infernal who has maintained his person personality—that of a vicious man with a penchant for murder. Company 5 took him in as a research specimen, and his firepower has been enhanced with drugs.

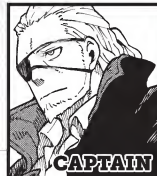


**CAPTAIN
(THIRD GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
PRINCESS HIBANA**

An imperious woman who constantly looks down on others and refers to everyone other than herself as "gravel." She is a former woman of the cloth, and came from this same church as Iris, who admittedly addresses her as Ne-san, but...?

A VALUABLE SPECIMEN

● SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 1



CAPTAIN

A fire soldier who was at the scene of the fire that took Shinya's family when he was young. He commands the elite Company 1.



**TAMAKI
KOTATSU**

A robotic member of Company 1. A girl with an unfortunate "lucky lecher lure" condition.



**THE
INFERNALS**

Born from the cryptogenic phenomenon of spontaneous human combustion (SHC), they have no self-awareness, and only weakly react until their lives burn out.

A HOSTAGE
TO LURE
COMPANY 5

HE-SAN
(SNAP OUT
OF IT)

SUMMARY...

Company 8's true purpose is to investigate the other companies—companies that may have already learned the secret behind spontaneous human combustion! Seeing the change that has overcome her sister in the cloth, Iris has gone alone to Company 5 to confront Hibana, but Hibana takes Iris hostage and uses her as bait to crush the thorn in her side, Company 8. Shinra and the rest of Company 8 raid Company 5 to rescue Iris and expose the company's hidden research!!

WHAT IS THE SPECIAL FIRE FORCE?

An organization formed to extinguish the flames of the Infernals and save their souls, as well as to rescue the people who live in fear of them. Its members come from three main sources—the Fire Defense Agency, the Holy Sol Temple, and the military—but in recent months, they've been getting more recruits from the academy. They are recognized by the blue fluorescent lines on their gear, and the general firefighters call them "Blue Stripes."

FIRE FORCE: SPECIAL FIRE FORCE ROSTER OF FIRE SOLDIERS

● SPECIAL FIRE FORCE COMPANY 8



**SECOND CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(THIRD GENERATION PYROKINETIC)
ARTHUR BOYLE**

Trained at the academy with Shinra. Although he follows his own personal code of chivalry as the self-proclaimed Knight King, he is incredibly stupid. But girls love him. He creates a fire sword with a blade that can cut through most anything.

**CAPTAIN
(NON-POWERED)
AKITARU
OBI**

The popular and charismatic leader of the newly established Company 8. He has no powers, but uses his finely honed muscles as a weapon to accomplish at least as much as the pyrokinetics. Loves bodybuilding to an almost creepy extent.

WATCHES
OUT FOR

TRUSTS

IDOL

TRUSTS

WATCHES
OUT FOR

STRONG
BOND

**SECOND CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(THIRD GENERATION PYROKINETIC)**

**SHINRA
KUSAKABE**

Since being accused of using his powers to cause the fire that took his family, his face's habit of tensing up into a bizarre smile when he gets nervous has earned him the derisive nickname of "devil." He joined the Fire Force to achieve his dream of becoming a hero and saving people from the fear of the flames.

A NICE
GIRL

LOOKS
ANTHONY
ON THE JOB

A TOUGH BUT
WEIRD LADY

HANG IN
THERE
ROOKIE!

TERRIFIED

STRICT
DISCIPLINARIAN



**NUN
(NON-POWERED)
IRIS**

A sister of the Holy Sol Temple, she plays an indispensable role in extinguishing Infernals, reciting the prayers required to calm their souls. Personality-wise, she is no less than an angel. Her boobs are big. Very big. She is currently being held captive by Company 5.



**FIRST CLASS FIRE SOLDIER
(SECOND GENERATION
PYROKINETIC)
MAKI OZE**

A former member of the military, she is an excellent fighter who controls Fire. Mad about love stories, her beauty is overshadowed by her "head full of flowers and wedding bells." She's friendly, but snaps when anyone comments on her muscles.



**LIEUTENANT
(SECOND GENERATION
PYROKINETIC)
TAKEHISA
HINAWA**

A dry, unemotional ex-military man. His stern discipline is feared among the new recruits, and he will even shoot them in response to their nonsense. He never allows the soldiers to play with fire. Has odd taste in hats.

THE GIRLS CLUB

RESPECTS

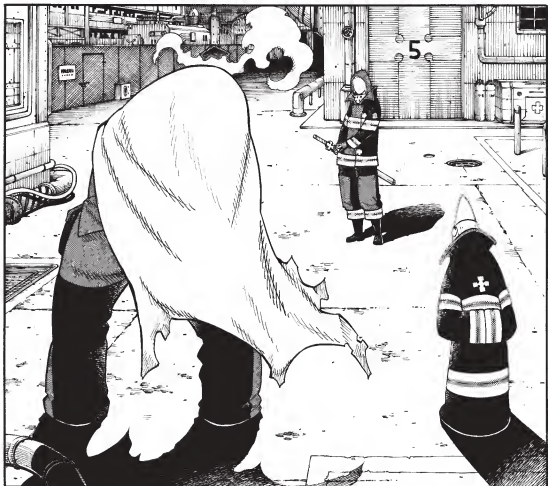
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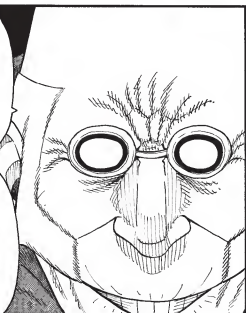
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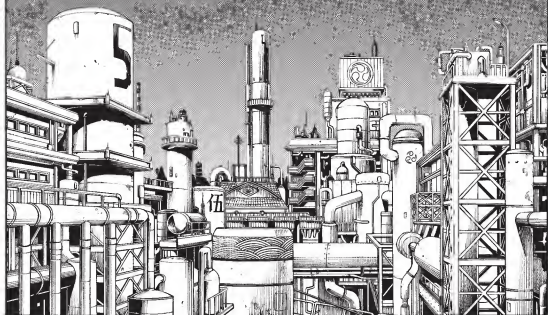


LEFT ALL ALONE IN ENEMY TERRITORY, ARE WE? I SEE POOR, WRETCHED COMPANY 8 IS JUST AS SHORT-HANDED AS THE REPORTS SAY.

ARE YOU READY TO DIE? THIS INFERNAL HAS BEEN ENHANCED THROUGH MY RESEARCH—HE'LL DO YOU THE FAVOR OF TURNING YOU TO CINDERS.



**SPECIAL
FIRE
COMBINE 5**



**CHAPTER XVI:
THE KNIGHT
ERRING**



HOO HA HA!
THANKS TO
THOSE MEDS,
I CAN FEEL
THE FLAMES!
THE POWER!
BOILING UP
INSIDE ME,
UNTIL IT
BURSTS
OUT!!

DON'T
LEAVE ANY
REMAINS-
NOT EVEN
ASH!



HIS NEW
WEAPON WILL
CONCENTRATE
HIS ALREADY
AMPLIFIED
FIREPOWER
ONTO A SINGLE
POINT BEFORE
UNLEASHING
IT ON HIS
TARGET!





BWOH

TERI-
YAKI?

I DON'T
SEE
ANY
SAUCE
ON
YOU!

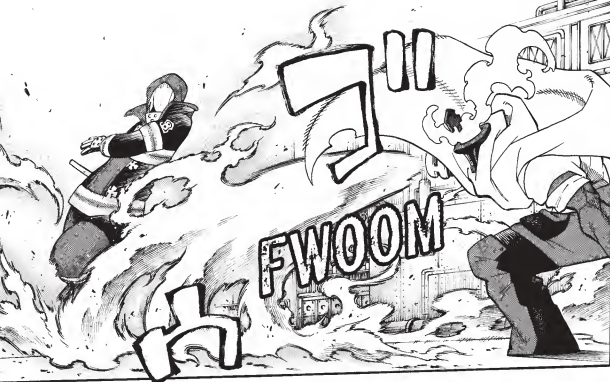
BAH

CONFOUND
YOU!!
ARE YOU
TRYING
TO TURN
ME INTO
KNIGHT
TERIYAKI?!

THAT
WAS
CLOSE
!!

ZSH

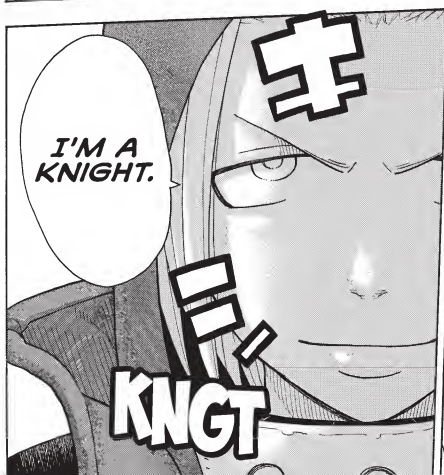
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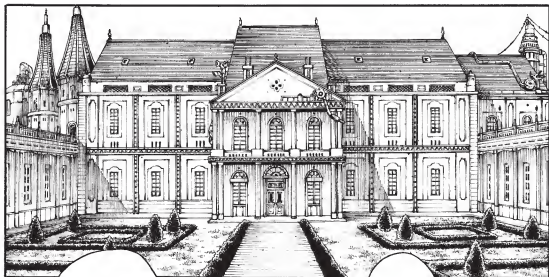


I DESCEND
UPON THE
RED HOT
EARTH.

T-TMP







THE
ANGELS
ARE
FIGHTING
HINAWA.

STATUS
REPORT.

ARTHUR
IS UP
AGAINST
THE
INFERNAL.

NO ONE
HAS SIGHTED
OBI YET.

A
COAT
FOR
YOU.

LIKE
MOTHS
TO THE
FLAME...

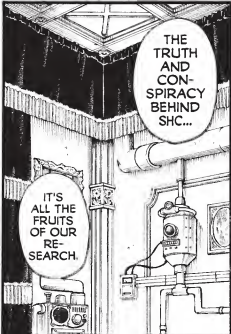
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**BURN
THEM ALL.
UNTIL
NOTHING
REMAINS.**

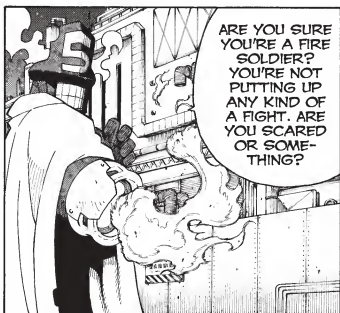
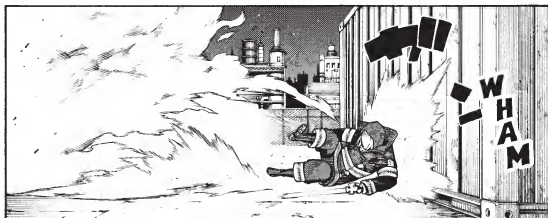


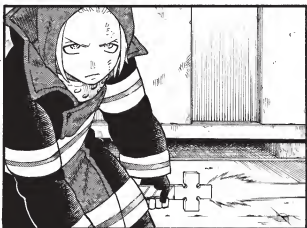
**I WON'T
LET ANY
GRAVEL
STAND IN
MY WAY.**

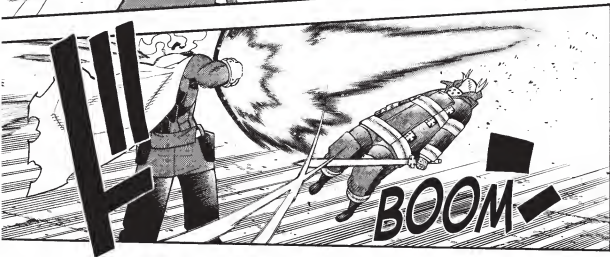


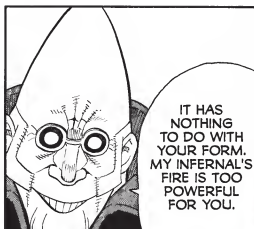
**THE
TRUTH
AND
CON-
SPIRACY
BEHIND
SHC...**

**IT'S
ALL THE
FRUITS
OF OUR
RE-
SEARCH.**









IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
YOUR FORM.
MY INFERNAL'S
FIRE IS TOO
POWERFUL
FOR YOU.



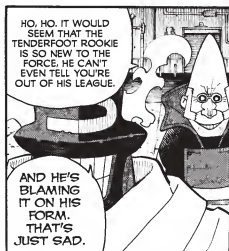
WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH ME?
I'M NOT IN
MY USUAL
FORM...

GRR...



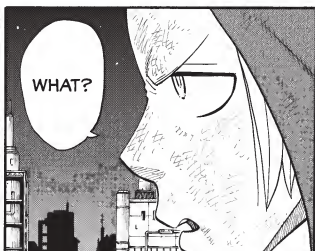
IT'S EXACTLY
THE KIND OF
EXCUSE I'D
EXPECT FROM
YOU FIRE
SOLDIER
PHONIES. LITTLE
GRUNTLENG
NUMSKULL!

YEAH,
IT HAPPENS.
LITTLE GRUNT'S
BLAMING THEIR
INCOMPETENCE
ON A BAD DAY,
WHEN THEY
WERE NEVER
ANY GOOD TO
BEGIN WITH.

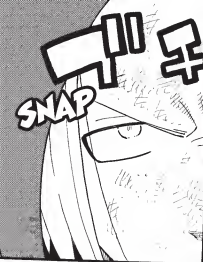


HO, HO. IT WOULD
SEEM THAT THE
TENDERFOOT ROOKIE
IS SO NEW TO THE
FORCE, HE CAN'T
EVEN TELL YOU'RE
OUT OF HIS LEAGUE.

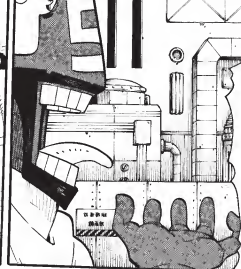
AND HE'S
BLAMING
IT ON HIS
FORM.
THAT'S
JUST SAD.



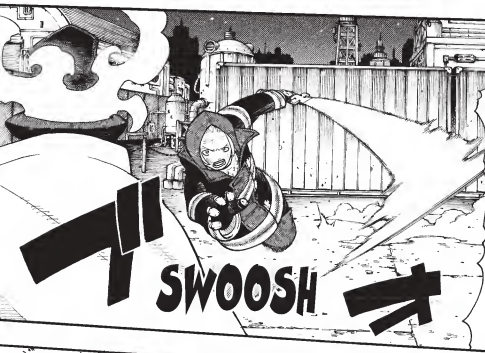
WHAT?



SNAP

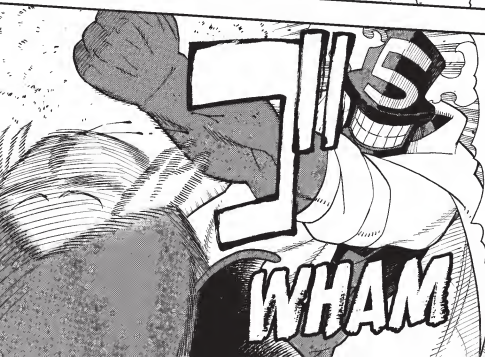


AN IDIOT
WHO CAN'T
WALK THE
TALK, A
KNIGHT?!
THAT'S RICH,
COMING
FROM A
LOSING
LOSER!!



SWOOSH

I
AM NO
MERE
KNIGHT!
I AM
THE
KNIGHT
KING
!!



WHAM

SHUT
YOUR
PIE
HOLE
!!

AS YOUR
REWARD FOR
STICKING YOUR
NOSE WHERE
IT DOESN'T
BELONG,
I'LL AT LEAST
LET YOU DIE A
PAINFUL DEATH,
GRUNT!!



GRR...

WHY...?
MY POWER IS
COMPLETELY
FAILING ME...

KA-CHAK



...IS IN
MY
LEFT
HAND?

EXCALI-
BUR...

WHAT
...?

OH? WHAT'S
THIS, ANOTHER
EXCUSE? FIGURE
IT OUT-YOU'VE
JUST ALWAYS
BEEN THIS WEAK.





WHAAA
?!

BUT I'M
RIGHT-
HANDED. WHY
WOULD I BE
HOLDING MY
SWORD IN
MY LEFT?

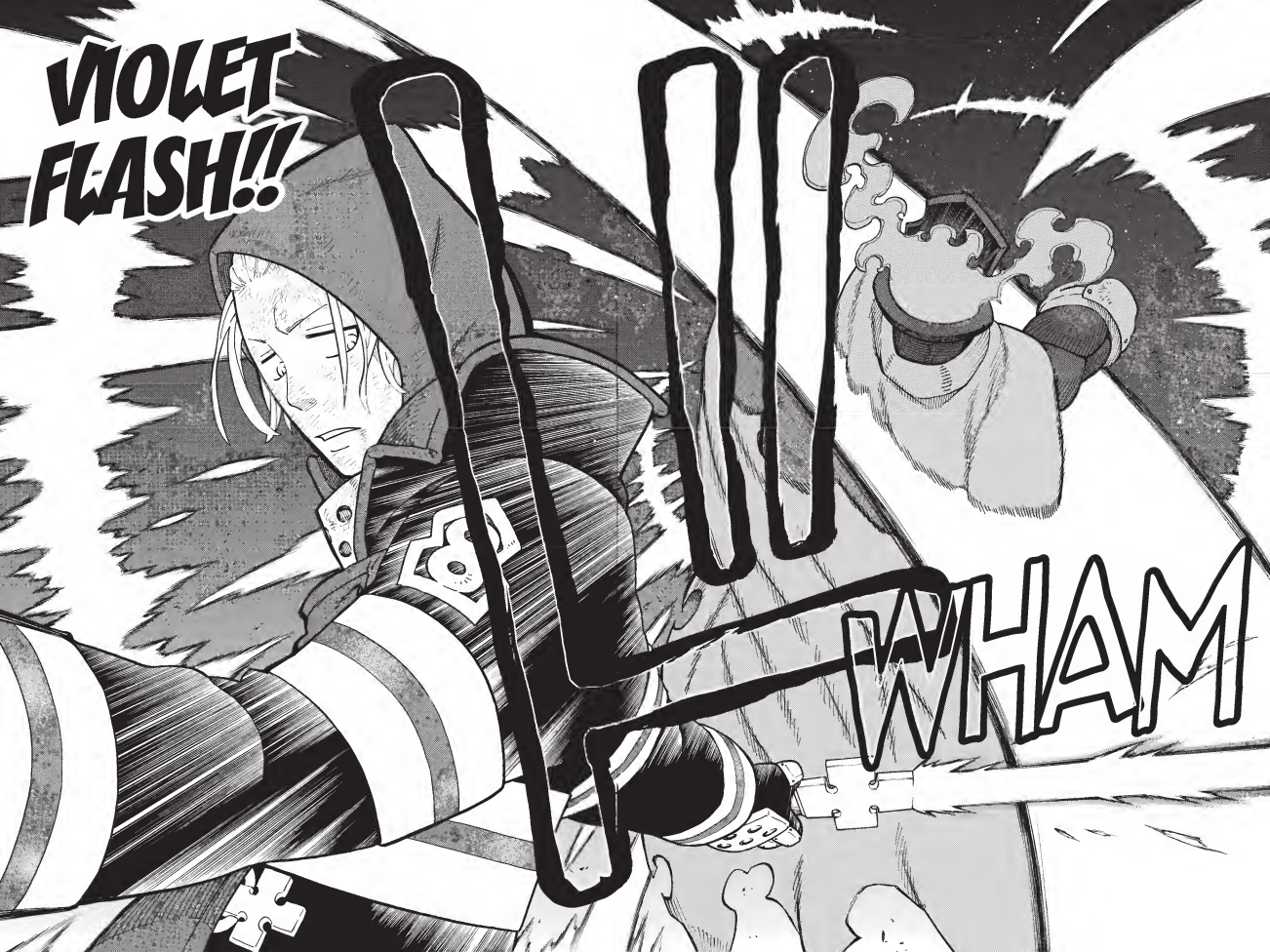
HELL
IF I
KNOW!!
MAYBE
YOU'RE
JUST
STUPID?!

YOU
CAN
GO ON
MAKING
YOUR
EXCUSES
IN THE
AFTER-
LIFE!

...



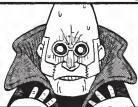
**VIOLET
FLASH!!**



WHAM



WHAT
IS WITH
THAT
KID?



...

**HE'S
STUPID
STRONG
!**

I
THOUGHT
SOMETHING
WAS OFF...

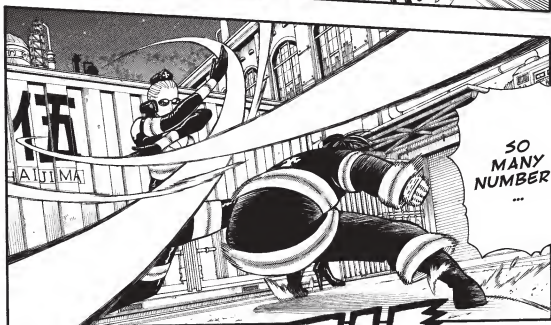
OH...



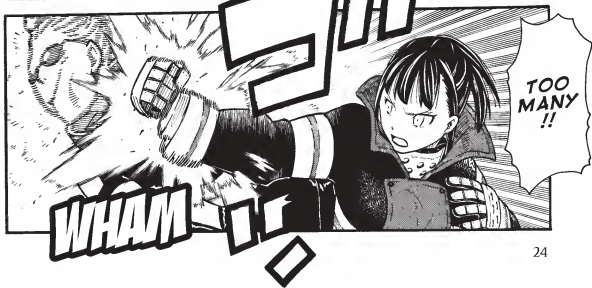
CHAPTER XVII: SHINRA VS. HIBANA



5TH ANGELS
THREE!!
THREE ON
THREE TRIPLE
FILLET
SLASHER!
VER.2.3!!



Crate: Five





THERE
CAN'T
BE ANY
MORE,
CAN
THERE?

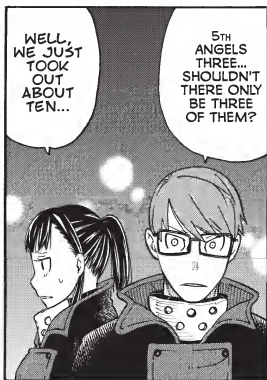
きょろ きょろ
GLANCE GLANCE

WELL,
WE JUST
TOOK
OUT
ABOUT
TEN...

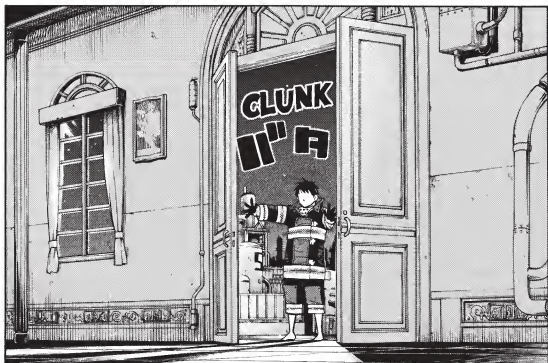
5TH
ANGELS
THREE...
SHOULDN'T
THERE ONLY
BE THREE
OF THEM?

WHILE SHINRA'S
RUNNING
AROUND, WE'LL
FIND THAT
RESEARCH
MATERIAL.

I HOPE
SHINRA AND
ARTHUR ARE
DOING OKAY.

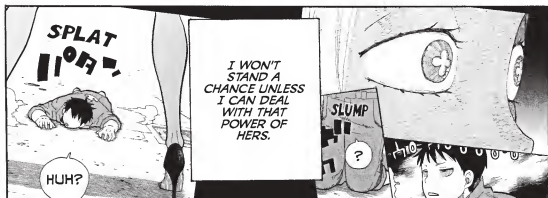






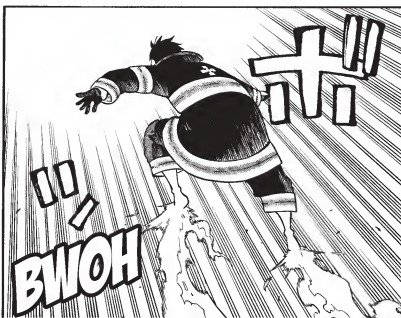
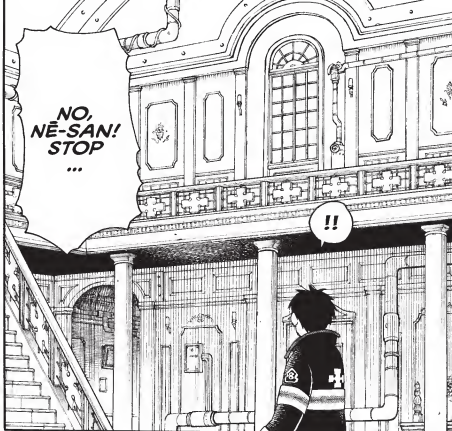
THIS IS
A GOOD
CHANCE TO
FIND OUT
HOW HARD
I CAN HIT A
COMPANY
CAPTAIN.

**ANYONE
HOME?!**



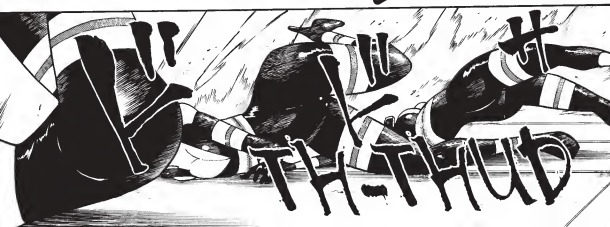
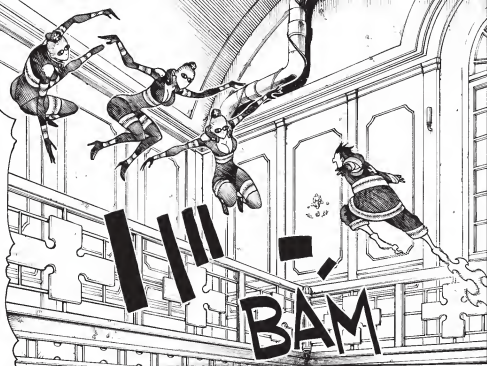
I WON'T
STAND A
CHANCE UNLESS
I CAN DEAL
WITH THAT
POWER OF
HERS.

SLUMP
?



5TH
ANGELS
THREE!
THREE
ON
THREE

...

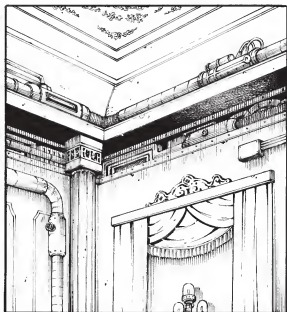




!!
NĒ-SAN...
WHY?

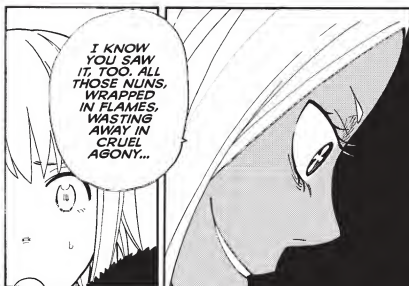
IRIS, SIT
BACK AND
WATCH
WHILE I
ROAST
YOUR
COMPANY 8
FRIEND.

IT SEEMS
LIKE THAT
VERMIN
HAS MADE
ITS WAY
INTO THE
MANSION.



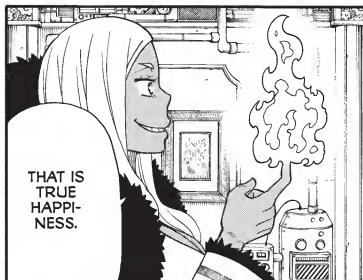
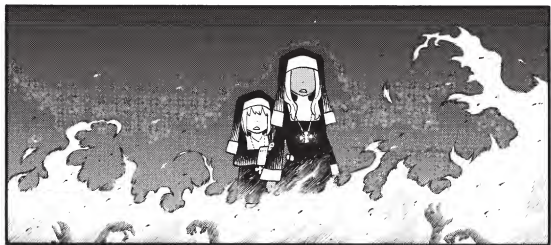
IT'S A FRY
OR BE FRIED
WORLD OUT
THERE.

YOU JUST
PRAY TO
THAT "GOD
OF SALVA-
TION" YOU
LOVE SO
MUCH.



I KNOW
YOU SAW
IT, TOO. ALL
THOSE NUNS,
WRAPPED
IN FLAMES,
WASTING
AWAY IN
CRUEL
AGONY...

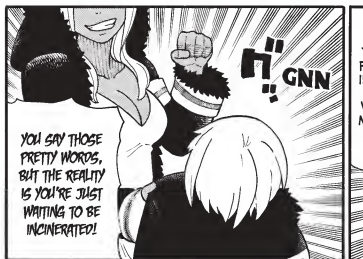
AND I
AM ONE
WHO
FRIES.



THAT IS TRUE HAPPINESS.

FORTUNATELY FOR ME, I AWAKENED TO THIRD GENERATION POWERS! I HAVE BECOME LIKE THE FLAMES—I WILL NOT BE BURNED, BECAUSE I WILL DO THE BURNING.

I WILL CONSUME THE GRAVEL THAT IS BENEATH ME UNTIL IT IS NOTHING BUT CINDERS. I WILL USE IT TO FUEL MY RISE TO THE TOP!

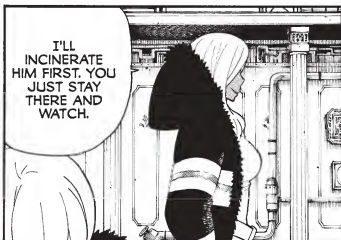
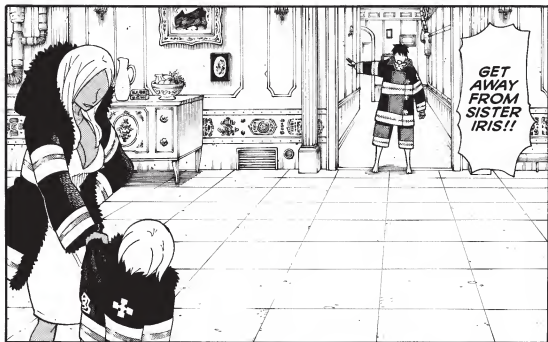


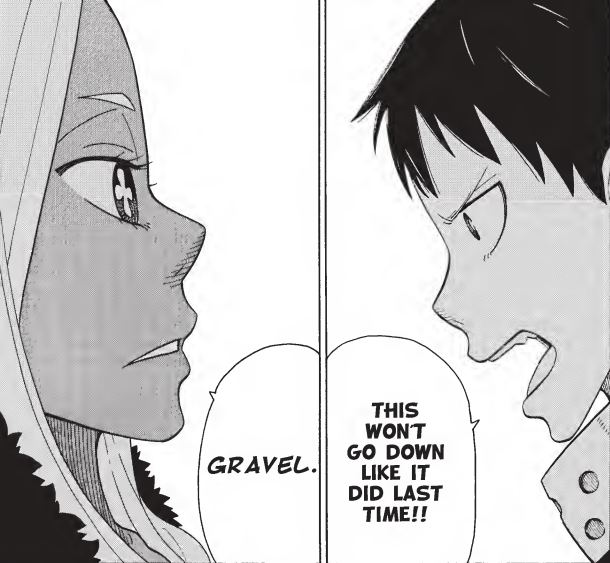
YOU SAY THOSE PRETTY WORDS, BUT THE REALITY IS YOU'RE JUST WAITING TO BE INCINERATED!

!! GNN



NOTHING YOU GAIN FROM DOING THOSE THINGS WILL EVER MAKE YOU HAPPY!





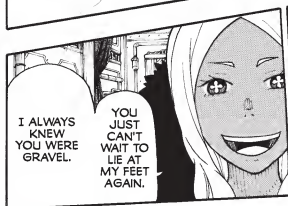
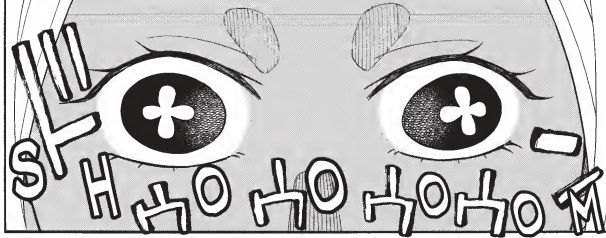
GRAVEL.

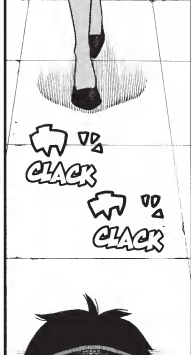
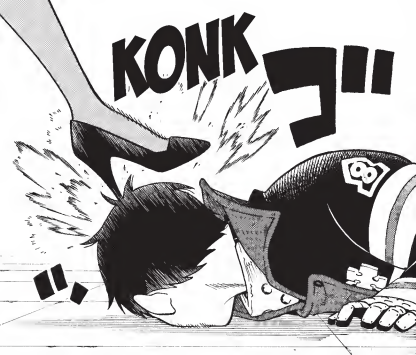
THIS
WON'T
GO DOWN
LIKE IT
DID LAST
TIME!!



I WON'T
KNOW
UNLESS I
TRY!!

SURELY YOU
HAVEN'T FOR-
GOTTEN? YOU
CAN'T LAY A
FINGER ON ME.







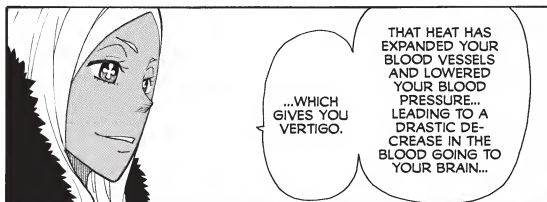
I HAVE WRAPPED YOUR ENTIRE BODY IN A WAVE OF HEAT.

WHAT ...?

FSHHHHHHH
T T T



HEAT
SYNCOPE
...?



...WHICH
GIVES YOU
VERTIGO.

THAT HEAT HAS EXPANDED YOUR BLOOD VESSELS AND LOWERED YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE... LEADING TO A DRASTIC DECREASE IN THE BLOOD GOING TO YOUR BRAIN...



?!



GN
T T

SO IT'S ALL IN MY HEAD.

OH...

GNN
T T



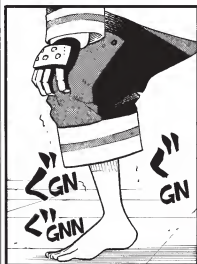
YOU COME IN HERE, RAVING ABOUT BEING A HERO, AND YET ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE HEAT

TO KNOCK YOU TO THE GROUND, IT'S HILARIOUS.

VERTIGO ...?



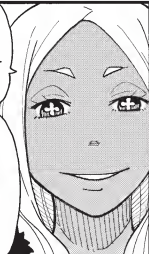
THROB-
BING,
SHORTNESS
OF BREATH,
DIZZINESS--
IT'S ALL
JUST A
DELUSION
!!



ALL IN YOUR
HEAD? LOOK AT
YOU! YOU'RE
REALLY FALLING
OVER!



RIGHT NOW,
I'M DIZZY IN
MY HEAD, SO
I'M DIZZY IN
REAL LIFE.

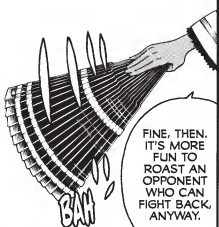


ALL I SEE
IS A MAN
PRETENDING
THERE'S NO-
THING WRONG
WITH HIM.

AND WHILE
WE'RE ON THE
SUBJECT OF
DELUSIONS,
I THINK THE
BIGGEST ONE
IS YOUR MIS-
GUIDED BELIEF
THAT YOU'RE
A HERO.

BOOYA

AND IF
I'M A
HERO IN
MY HEAD,
THEN I
CAN BE A
HERO FOR
REAL!!



FINE, THEN.
IT'S MORE
FUN TO
ROAST AN
OPPONENT
WHO CAN
FIGHT BACK,
ANYWAY.



...

THIS IS
NOTHING
COMPARED
TO THE
DISCIPLINE I
GET FROM
LIEUTENANT
HINAWA.

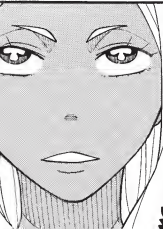


IMPOSSIBLE...
HOW CAN
YOU HOLD
YOURSELF
UP?

AND THE
DIZZINESS
IS NOT
SOME
SORT OF
DELUSION.

CLEMATIS!

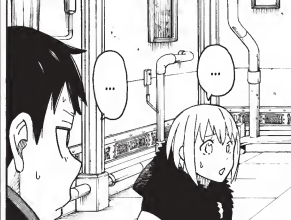
LET THE
PASSION
OF MY
WHITE
HOT
FLOWERS
SCATTER
YOUR
ASHES.



SHUT
UP AND
WATCH.

NĒ-SAN...
YOU
STILL...





FIRE FORCE

YOU
SAY I'M
DELUSIONAL
?

YOU JUST
KINDA
LOOKED
DELUSIONAL
TO ME.

I DUNNO.

YOU'RE
FULL
OF IT
!!

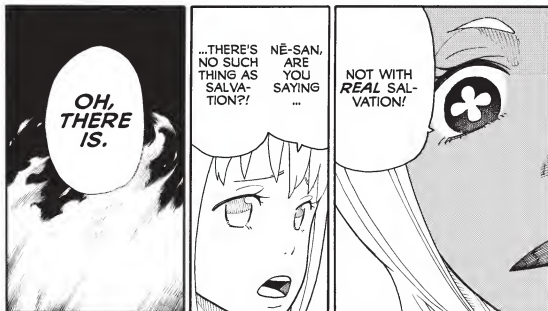
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CHAPTER XVIII: CLASH









AND WHAT
YOU WILL
SEE IS IN-
COMPETENT

TO USE AND
OUTSMART OTH-
ERS FOR YOUR
OWN SUCCESS,
TO LOOK DOWN
AT THE SLOW
AND FOOLISH
MASSES FROM
ON HIGH.

GRAVE.L.

GRAVE.L.

GRAVE.L.



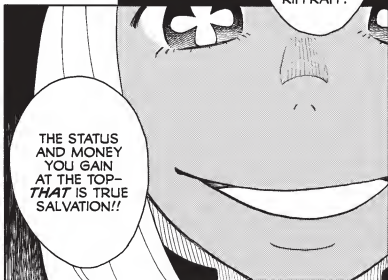
HOW CAN
YOU SAY
THAT?!
YOU
PRAYED
WITH US
EVERY DAY
AT THE
CONVENT!!



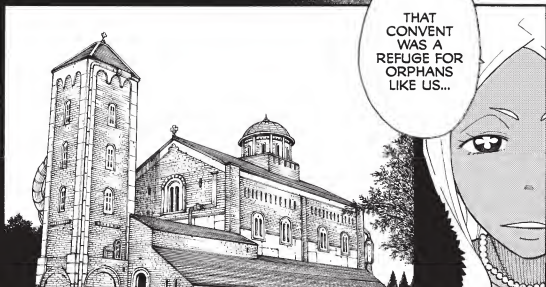
NOTHING
COULD BE
BETTER. TO
BE SAVED,
KNOWING
THAT YOU
WEREN'T
ONE OF THE
RIFFRAFF.



I DID
PRAY.
AND WHO
DID THAT
SAVE?



THE STATUS
AND MONEY
YOU GAIN
AT THE TOP-
THAT IS TRUE
SALVATION!!



THAT
CONVENT
WAS A
REFUGE FOR
ORPHANS
LIKE US...



I WAS THE
ONLY ONE
THERE WHO
DIDN'T TAKE
IT SERI-
OUSLY.



CHILDREN
WITH NO FAMI-
LIES—WE WERE
MISERABLE
ENOUGH AS
IT WAS. AND
EVERY DAY
WE DEVOTED
OURSELVES
TO GOD.



THEY WERE
ALL PIOUS
NUNS, WHO
SERVED
GOD MUCH
BETTER
THAN I
DID.



THEN, ONE
DAY, WITH-
OUT WARN-
ING, ALL OF
OUR SISTERS
BURNED.



PEOPLE CAN ONLY
BECOME
STRONGER FOR
THEIR OWN
GAIN.

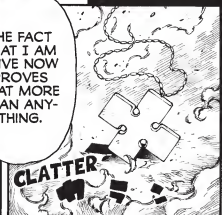


DON'T YOU
SEE? HARD
WORK AND
DEVOTION
NEVER
PAYS.

THESE
LOWLY
PIECES OF
GRAVEL ARE
ALREADY
WRONG FOR
THINKING
THEY CAN
HAVE THE
SAME SAL-
VATION AS
A HUMAN
BEING.

AND
YOU THINK
YOU CAN
ASK FOR
SALVATION
WITHOUT
MAKING
YOURSELF
STRONGER?
TALK ABOUT
DEMAND-
ING!

THE FACT
THAT I AM
ALIVE NOW
PROVES
THAT MORE
THAN ANY-
THING.



CLATTER



THERE ARE
NO HEROES
IN THIS
WORLD—
YOU CAN'T
SAVE OTHER
PEOPLE.

YOU'RE
STILL
HERE,
ZERO?

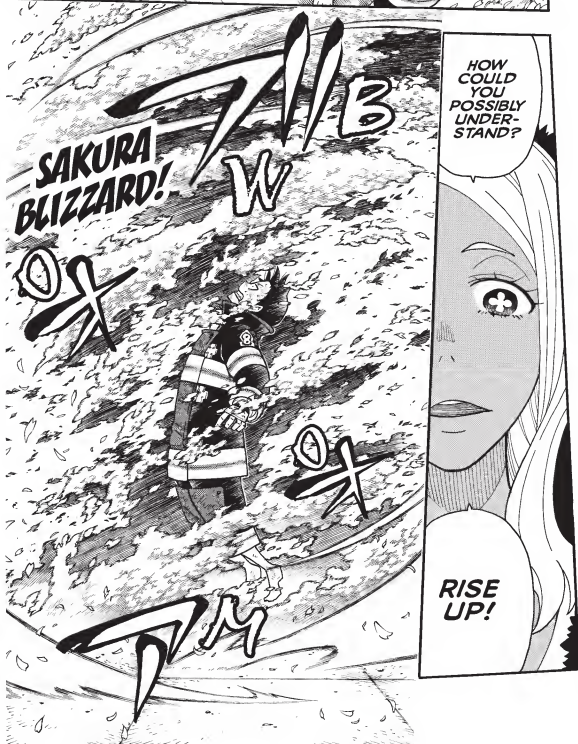


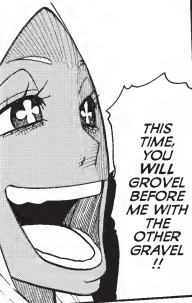
YOU'RE
A VICTIM
OF THE
FLAMES,
TOO.

PRIN-
CESS
HIBANA
...



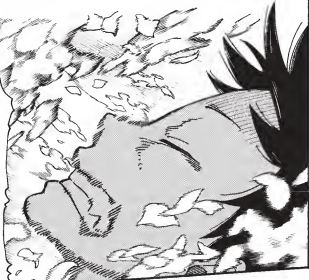
I KINDA KNOW
HOW YOU FEEL.
THE FLAMES
MESSED UP MY
LIFE, TOO.





THIS
TIME,
YOU
WILL
GROVEL
BEFORE
ME WITH
THE
OTHER
GRAVEL
!!

G W A A A G H !!



W A V R R



!!



**I REFUSE
TO GO
DOWN!!**



**YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE ON
YOUR FEET.**

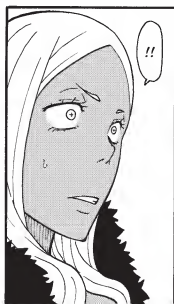
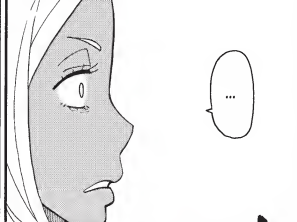
**BUT
THE HEAT
SYNCOPE.**



**UNTIL
I'VE
HELPED
YOU!!**

**I'LL
STAND
UP EVERY
TIME.**

**AND I'LL
REFUSE TO
GO DOWN
EVERY
TIME.**





I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF
YOUR BAB-
BLING, YOU
CLUELESS
PIECE OF
GRAVEL!!

IF YOU
WANT TO
HELP ME,
THEN JUST
BURN UP
ALREADY!!



...BUT SOME
ARE GUIDING
LIGHTS, AND
SOME ARE
GENTLE AND
WARM!!

YES, SOME
FLAMES
DO BURN
PEOPLE...

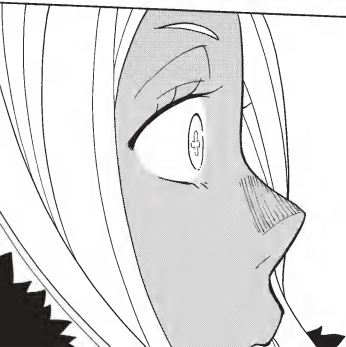
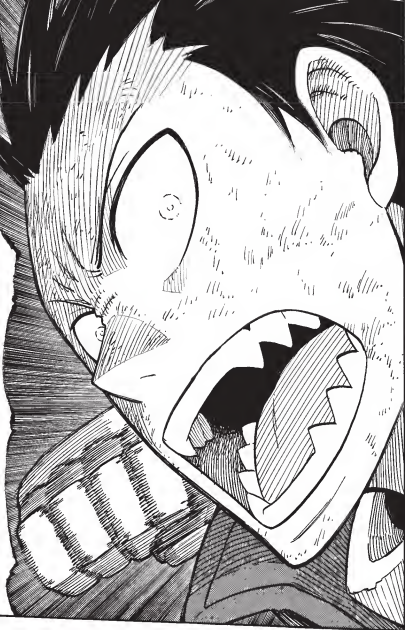


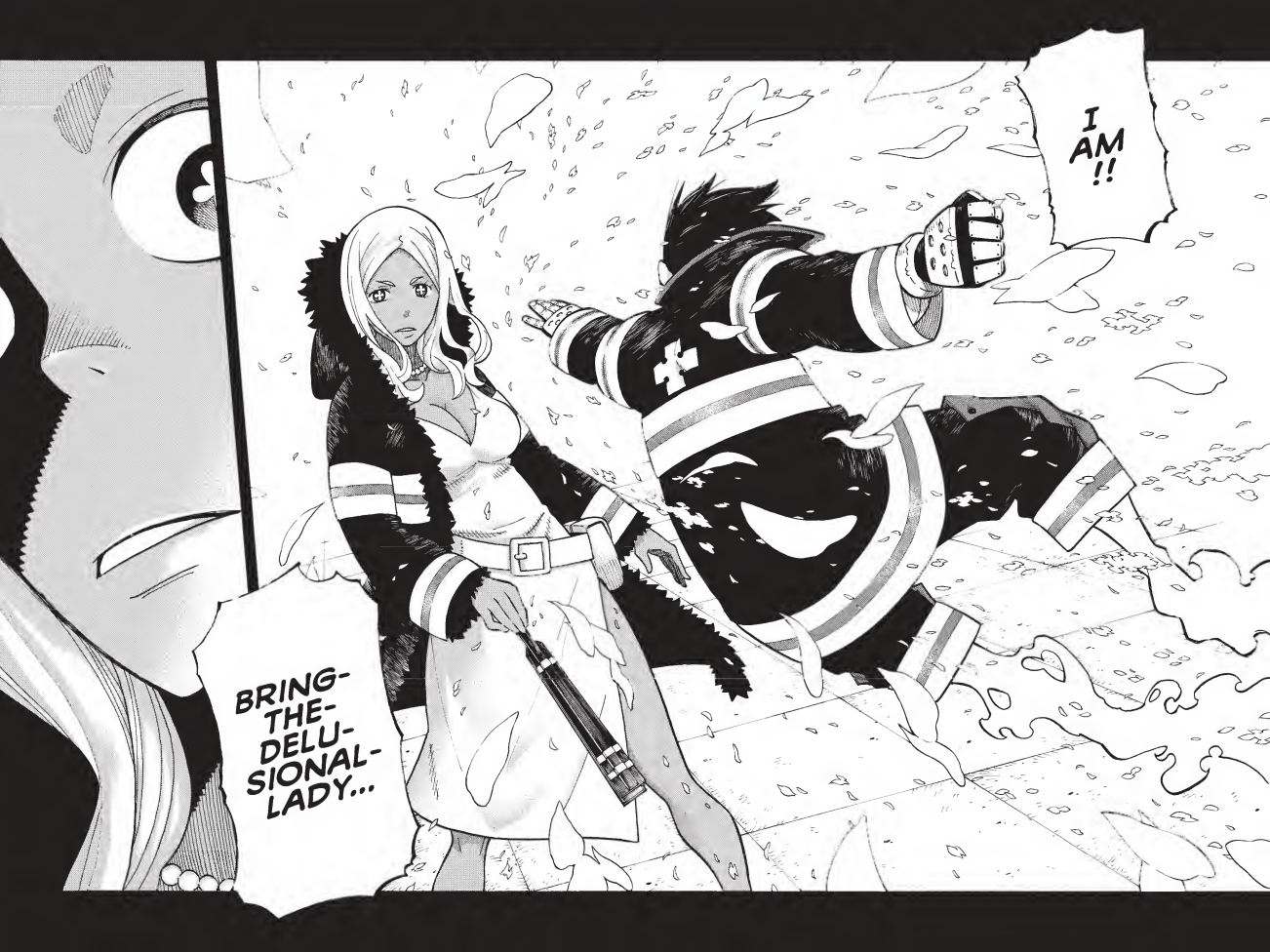
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
THERE
ARE NO
HEROES!!

THERE
ARE NO
HEROES
IN THIS
WORLD
!!

AND THE
PEOPLE
WE CALL
HEROES
ARE ALL
FAKES-
THEY
OUTSMART-
ED AND
WALKED
ALL OVER
THEIR
FELLOW
MEN
TO MAKE
IT TO THE
TOP!!

**THAT'S
WHY
I'M
GONNA
BE
ONE
!!**





BRING-
THE-
DELU-
SIONAL-
LADY...

I AM !!

...BACK-
TO-
HER-
SENSES
...

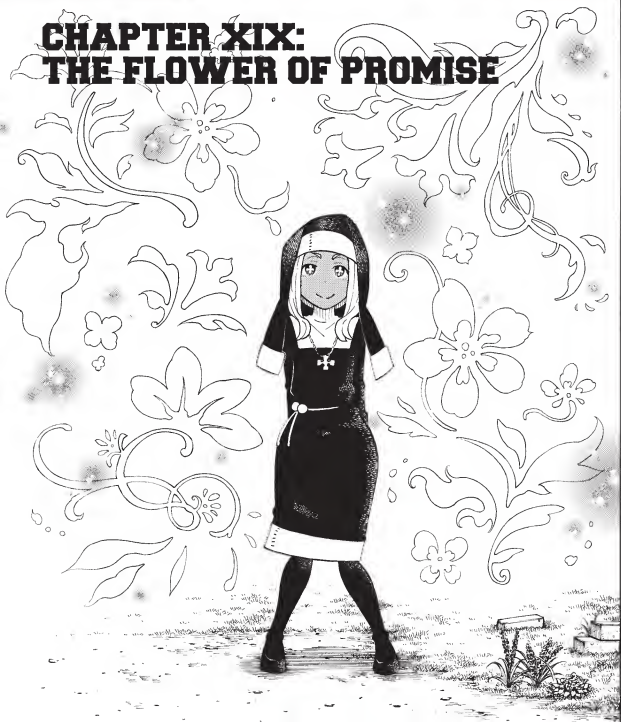
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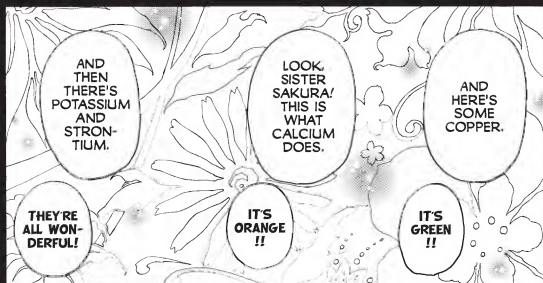
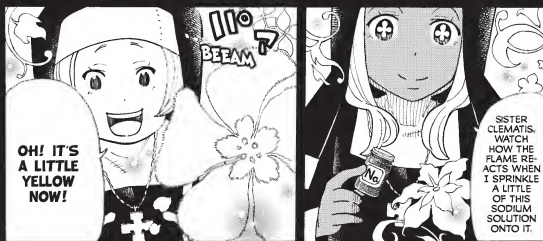
...MAN
!!

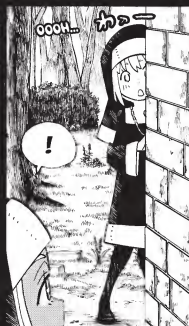
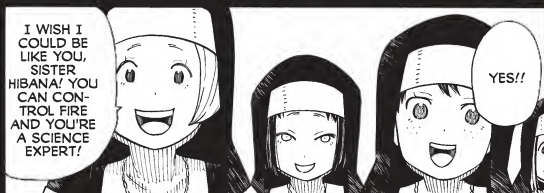
ROW!



CHAPTER XIX: THE FLOWER OF PROMISE











COME
NOW,
GIRLS. GET
INSIDE THE
CHAPEL.

YES,
SISTER
SUMIRE.



WINE

**SISTER
HIBANA!!
PLAYING
WITH YOUR
IGNITION
POWERS
AGAIN?!**



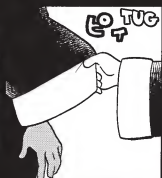
DON'T
WORRY.
I'M BEING
CAREFUL.



CURL

AND YOU,
SISTER HIBANA!!
THOSE POWERS
WERE A GIFT
FROM THE GREAT
SUN GOD.

NOT ONLY THAT,
BUT FLAMES
CAN BE VERY
DANGEROUS IF
YOU DON'T USE
THEM PROPERLY.



TUG

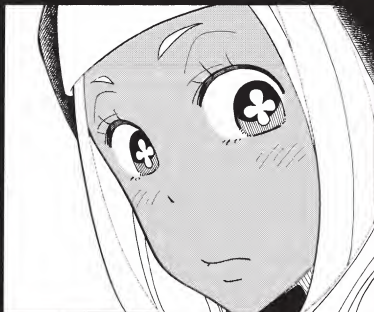


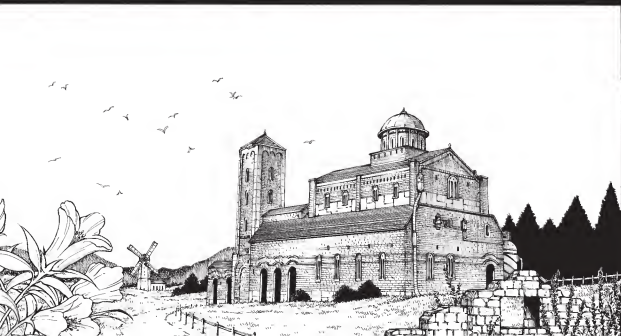
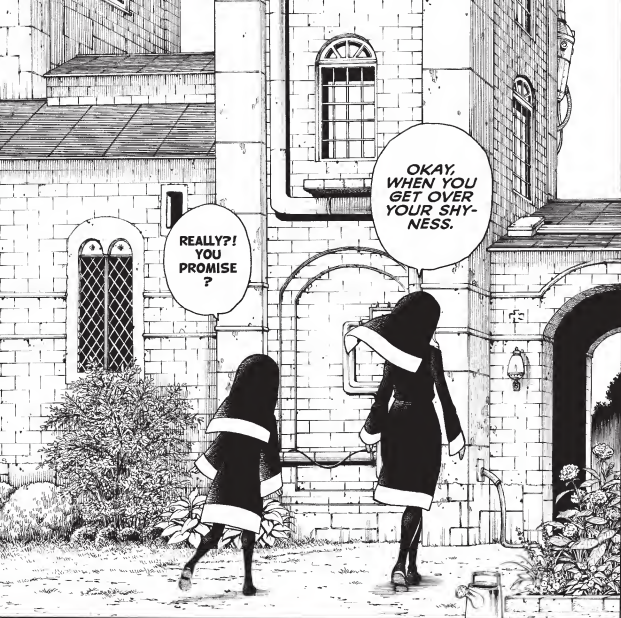
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THERE
YOU GO
AGAIN...
HURRY
ON
INSIDE.

YES,
SISTER.

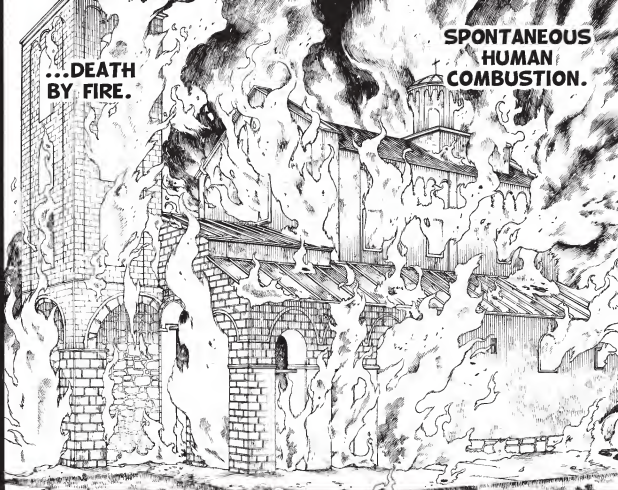
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**...DEATH
BY FIRE.**

**SPONTANEOUS
HUMAN
COMBUSTION.**



**WITHOUT
WARNING,
OUR
SISTERS...**



**...WENT
UP IN
FLAMES.**





...EXCEPT
FOR IRIS
AND ME.

ALL
OF
THEM
...



LIVES
CRUMBLING
TO ASH...

THE
ANGUISH...

THE
SEARING
PAIN...

THE SOUND
OF BODIES
BURNING!
SCREAMS...

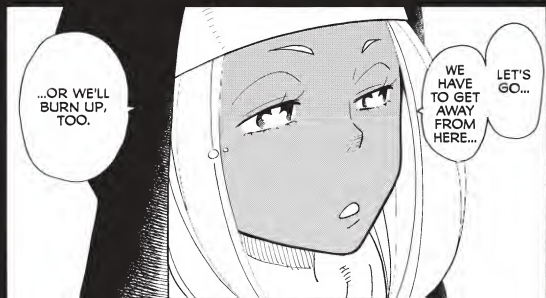
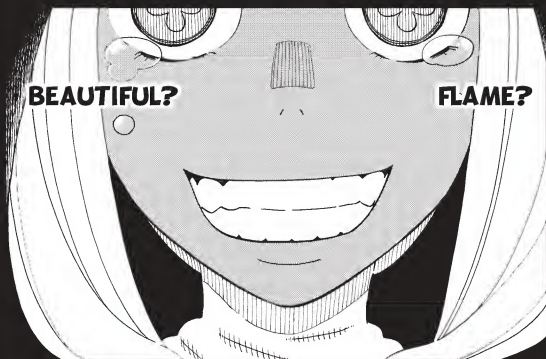


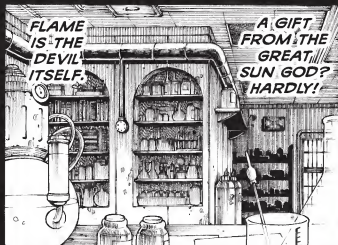
SNAP



SEE? ISN'T
FLAME
BEAUTIFUL?

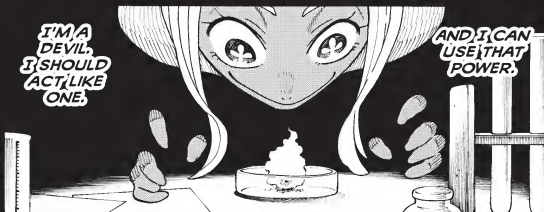
FIRE POWERS
ARE A GIFT
FROM THE
GREAT SUN
GOD...





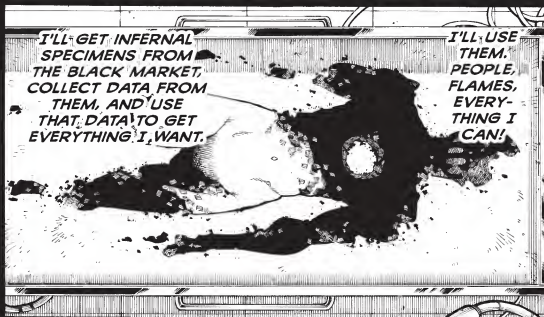
FLAME
IS THE
DEVIL
ITSELF.

A GIFT
FROM THE
GREAT
SUN GOD?
HARDLY!



I'M A
DEVIL.
I SHOULD
ACT LIKE
ONE.

AND I CAN
USE THAT
POWER.

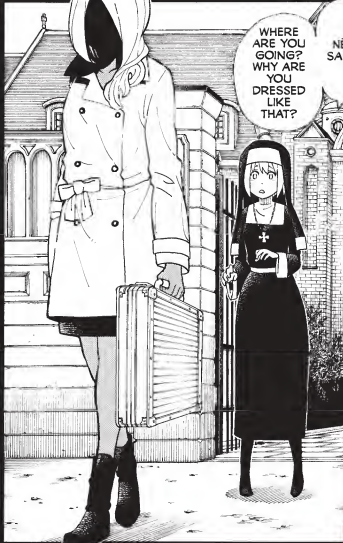


I'LL GET INFERNAL
SPECIMENS FROM
THE BLACK MARKET,
COLLECT DATA FROM
THEM, AND USE
THAT DATA TO GET
EVERYTHING I WANT.

I'LL USE
THEM.
PEOPLE,
FLAMES,
EVERYTHING I
CAN!



IRIS.



WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?
WHY ARE
YOU
DRESSED
LIKE
THAT?

NĒ-
SAN...



**DON'T
LET THE
FLAMES
BURN
YOU.**



HAIJIMA INDUSTRIES

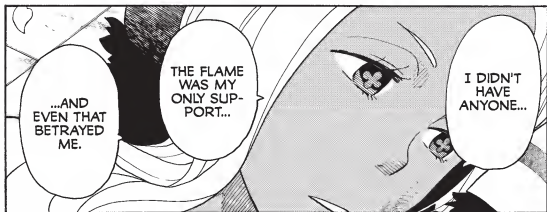








WE WERE
SCARED
AND
ALONE.
YOU WERE
OUR
HERO.



...AND
EVEN THAT
BETRAYED
ME.

THE FLAME
WAS MY
ONLY SUP-
PORT...

I DIDN'T
HAVE
ANYONE...



BUT I
HAVE
NOTHING.

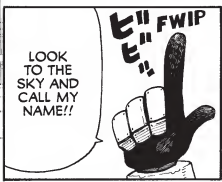
YOU
PIECES OF
GRAVEL
CAN RELY
ON ME...



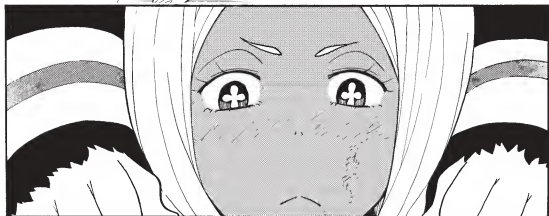
I'LL COME
TO YOUR
RESCUE
ANYTIME!!



WELL YOU
CAN HAVE
A HERO.
THERE'S
ONE RIGHT
HERE.

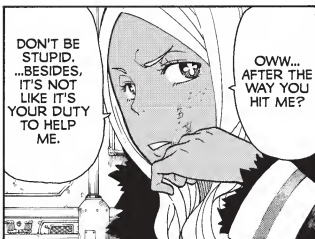


LOOK
TO THE
SKY AND
CALL MY
NAME!!



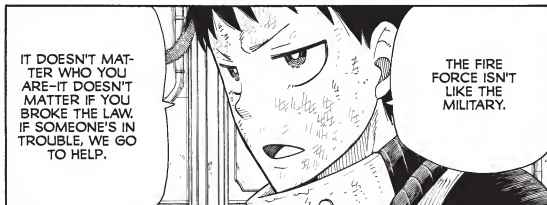


I DON'T
NEED IT
TO BE MY
DUTY.



DON'T BE
STUPID.
...BESIDES,
IT'S NOT
LIKE IT'S
YOUR DUTY
TO HELP
ME.

OWW...
AFTER THE
WAY YOU
HIT ME?



IT DOESN'T MAT-
TER WHO YOU
ARE-IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF YOU
BROKE THE LAW.
IF SOMEONE'S IN
TROUBLE, WE GO
TO HELP.

THE FIRE
FORCE ISN'T
LIKE THE
MILITARY.



ISN'T
THAT
WHAT
HEROES
DO?



EITHER
WAY, I LOST.
I'VE NEVER
HAD FORMAL
COMBAT
TRAINING...

...SO I'M NOT
INTERESTED IN
FIGHTING A MAN
WHO WON'T FALL
TO MY SYNCOPE
OR MY FLOWERS.



YOU ARE
UNBELIEV-
ABLE, IRIS.
MARCHING
INTO MY
COMBINE
ALL BY
YOURSELF.

...I'M A
LITTLE
LESS SHY
NOW?

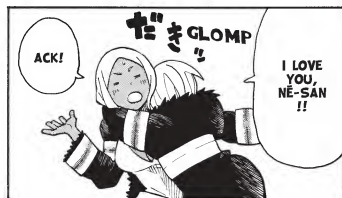
DO
YOU
THINK
...

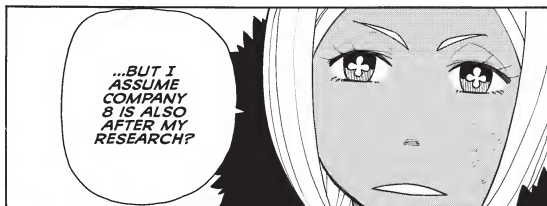
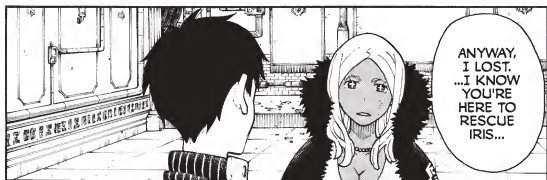


...I DID
PROMISE,
DIDN'T I?



WELL, I
...I WANTED
TO SEE YOUR
BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERS
AGAIN.

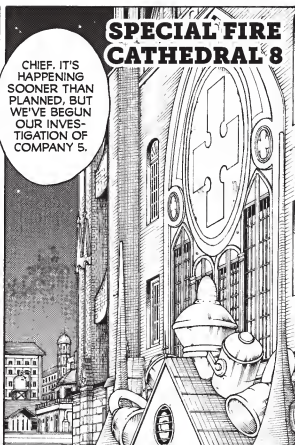




FIRE FORCE



I DON'T
THINK THEY'RE
GOING TO CO-
OPERATE, SO
I'M REQUEST-
ING THAT YOU
PULL ALL THE
NECESSARY
STRINGS.



SPECIAL FIRE CATHEDRAL 8

CHIEF, IT'S
HAPPENING
SOONER THAN
PLANNED, BUT
WE'VE BEGUN
OUR INVES-
TIGATION OF
COMPANY 5.



HINAWA,
COME
IN.

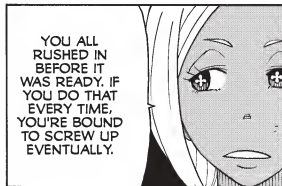
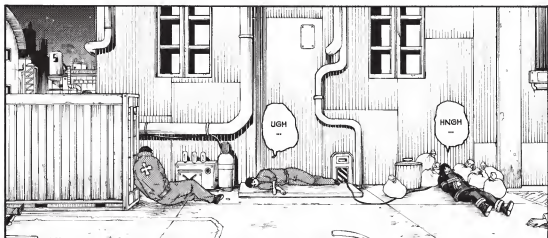
IT
TOOK
SOME
TIME
TO GET
EVERY-
THING
SET UP.

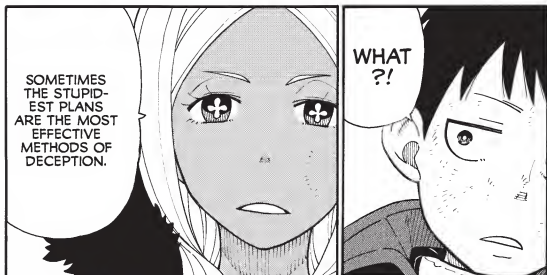
BUT
I'M ON
MY WAY
NOW.





CHAPTER XX: WHERE THE INFERNO IS BORN

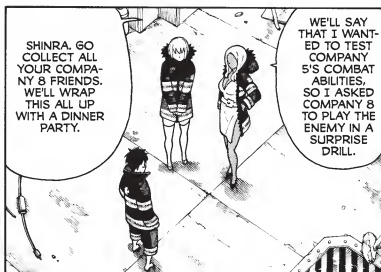






YOU...
YOU'RE
AWFULLY
COOP-
ERATIVE,
MA'AM.

MRK.



SHINRA, GO
COLLECT ALL
YOUR COMPA-
NY 8 FRIENDS.
WE'LL WRAP
THIS ALL UP
WITH A DINNER
PARTY.

WE'LL SAY
THAT I WANT-
ED TO TEST
COMPANY
5'S COMBAT
ABILITIES,
SO I ASKED
COMPANY 8
TO PLAY THE
ENEMY IN A
SURPRISE
DRILL.



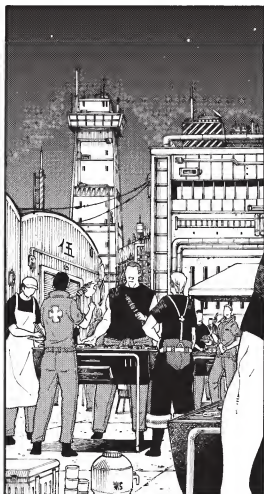
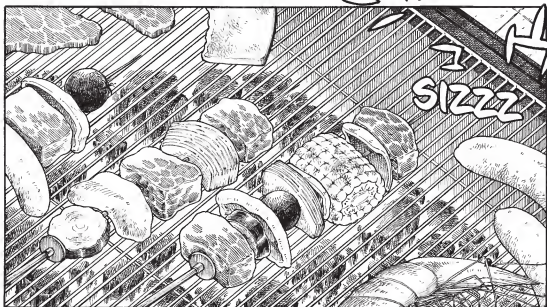
WHAT
?!



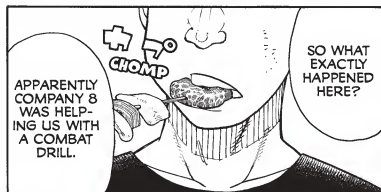
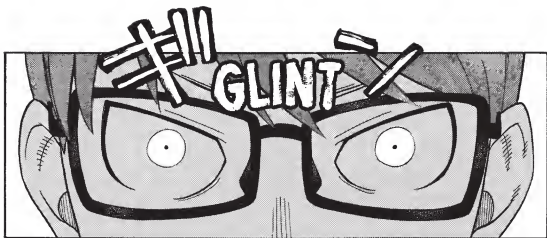
WELL
...

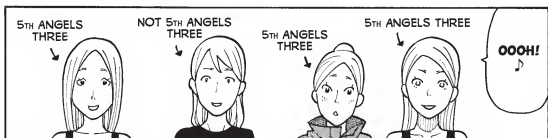
...I'VE
FALLEN
IN LOVE.

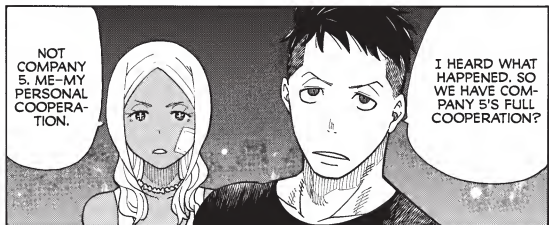
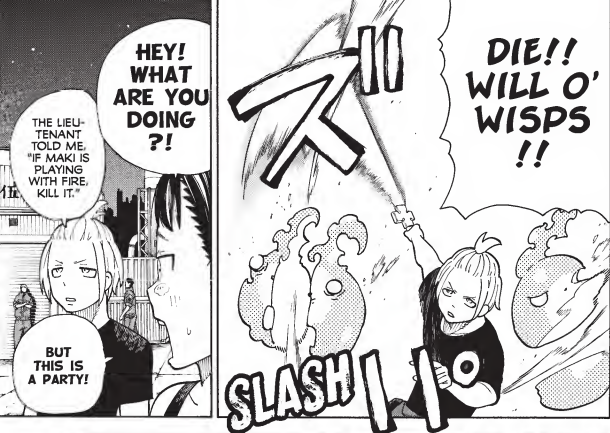
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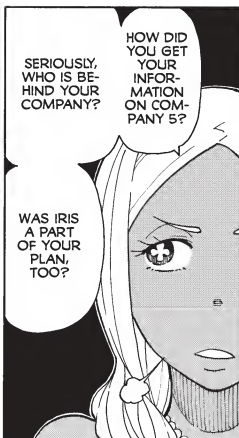
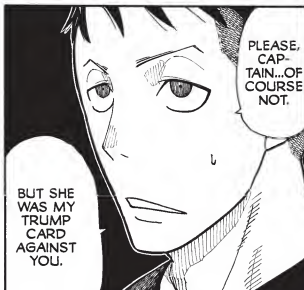
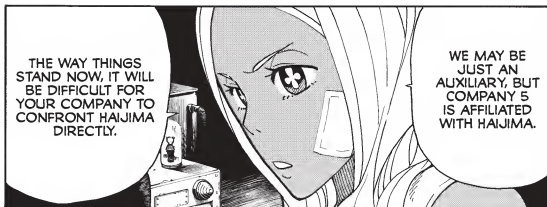


Label Company 5









A MUSCLE-
BOUND
GORILLA LIKE
YOU WON'T
UNDERSTAND
COMPANY 5'S
FILES.

YOU BETTER
BE GRATEFUL
FOR MY HELP—
YOU'RE GOING
TO NEED IT.



YOU'RE
OLDER
THAN ME,
AREN'T
YOU?

AND
STOP
BEING
SO FOR-
MAL.

FEIGNING
IGNO-
RANCE?
I DON'T
LIKE IT.

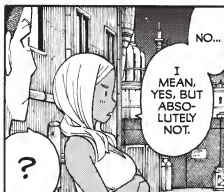
BUT YOU
HAVE
SENIOR-
ITY.



NO...

I
MEAN,
YES, BUT
ABSOLUTELY
NOT.

?



SHIN-
RA?

ONE OF
YOUR
SOLDIERS
HAS
SHOWN
ME THE
LIGHT.



GORI
?

WHY THE
CHANGE
OF
HEART?

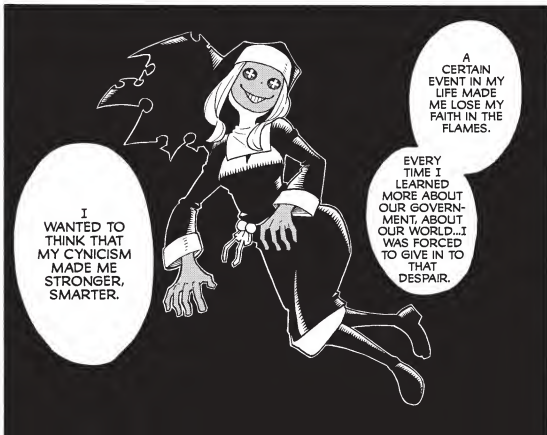


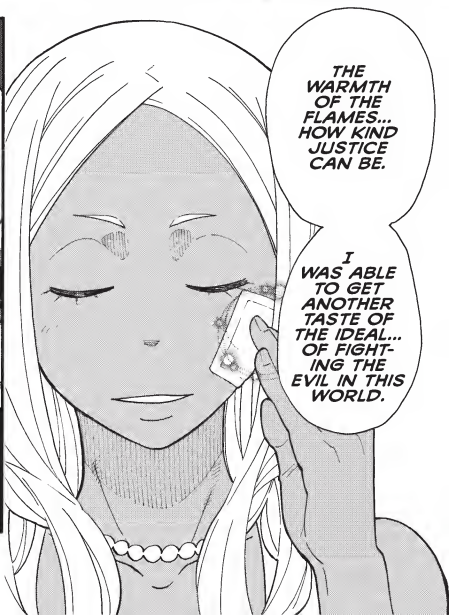
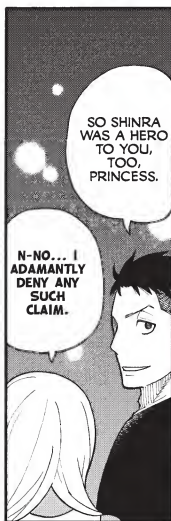
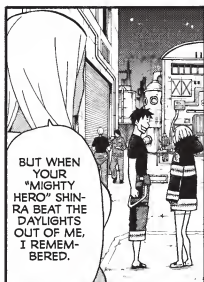
I
WANTED TO
THINK THAT
MY CYNICISM
MADE ME
STRONGER,
SMARTER.



A
CERTAIN
EVENT IN MY
LIFE MADE
ME LOSE MY
FAITH IN THE
FLAMES.

EVERY
TIME I
LEARNED
MORE ABOUT
OUR GOVERN-
MENT, ABOUT
OUR WORLD...I
WAS FORCED
TO GIVE IN TO
THAT
DESPAIR.







COMPANY 8
IS PROUD TO
HAVE HIM AS
OUR HERO. IF
ANYONE CAN
SHINE THE
LIGHT ON THE
DARK SECRETS
OF OUR PRISON
OF FLAMES,
IT'S HIM.



YES. THAT'S
WHY WE
CAME TO
STEAL COMPANY 5'S
DATA.



SO YOUR
COMPANY'S
OBJECTIVE IS
TO INVESTIGATE
THE OTHER
COMPANIES
IN YOUR AT-
TEMPTS TO
SOLVE THE
MYSTERY OF
THE FLAMES?

YES...AND
YOU'LL
SEE WHY
I WOULD
BECOME A
DEVIL.

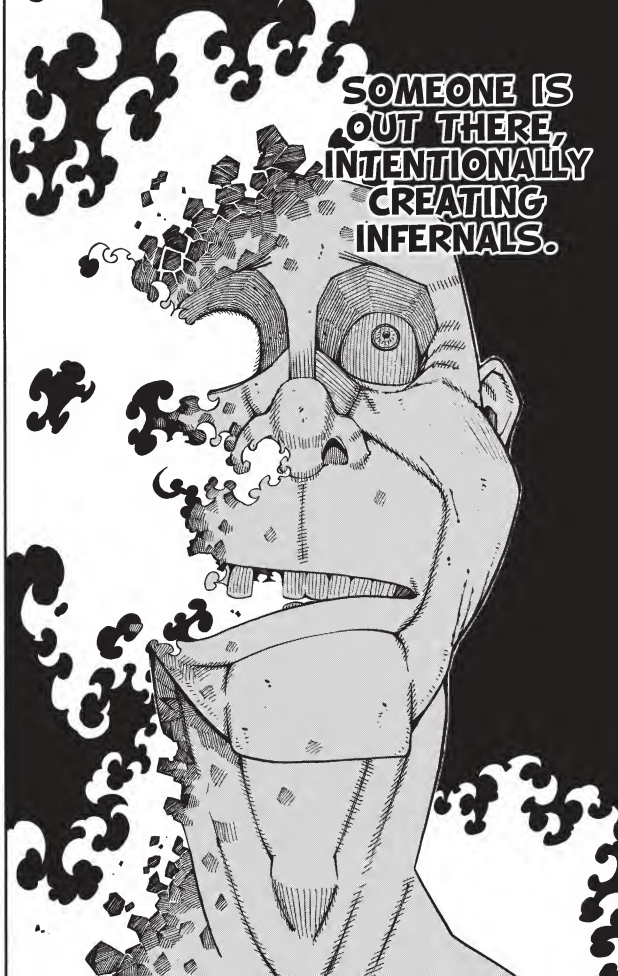


IS
THAT
TRUE
?



I HEARD
THERE'S
SOMETHING
IN YOUR
RESEARCH
ABOUT
WHAT'S
CAUSING THE
HUMAN COM-
BUSTIONS.

**SOMEONE IS
OUT THERE,
INTENTIONALLY
CREATING
INFERNALS.**



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RUFFLE

YOU...
EXAMINED
THEIR CORPSES?
NORMALLY,
I'D HAVE A
BIG PROBLEM
HERE, BUT I'LL
JUST PRETEND
I DIDN'T HEAR
THAT.

OF COURSE,
THAT MIGHT
NOT BE TRUE
OF ALL OF THE
COMBUSTION
CASES.

BUT
SOME OF THE
SPECIMENS
I EXAMINED
WERE CLEARLY
DIFFERENT
FROM
THE OTHERS.

THEN I
SWEAR
BY THE ST.
JOHN'S WORT,
A FLOWER
THAT MEANS
ANIMOSITY...

MY
FRIENDS...
MY SIS-
TERS...ALL
BURNED
TO DEATH.
...AND IF
SOMEONE
IS BEHIND
THAT...

...THAT I
WILL DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES TO
FIND THAT
SOMEONE,
AND BURN
THEM ALIVE.



MUCH
AS IT
PAINS
ME TO
SAY IT.

OUR
GOALS
ARE THE
SAME.

SO THERE
IS SOMEONE
CAUSING
THE COM-
BUSTIONS.
...THEY
WON'T GET
AWAY WITH
IT! I WILL
HUNT THEM
DOWN, I
PROMISE
YOU THAT!!



MEANING
?



BUT
YOU'RE
GOING TO
RUN INTO
TROUBLE
IF YOU
TRY TO
INVESTI-
GATE ANY
FURTHER.

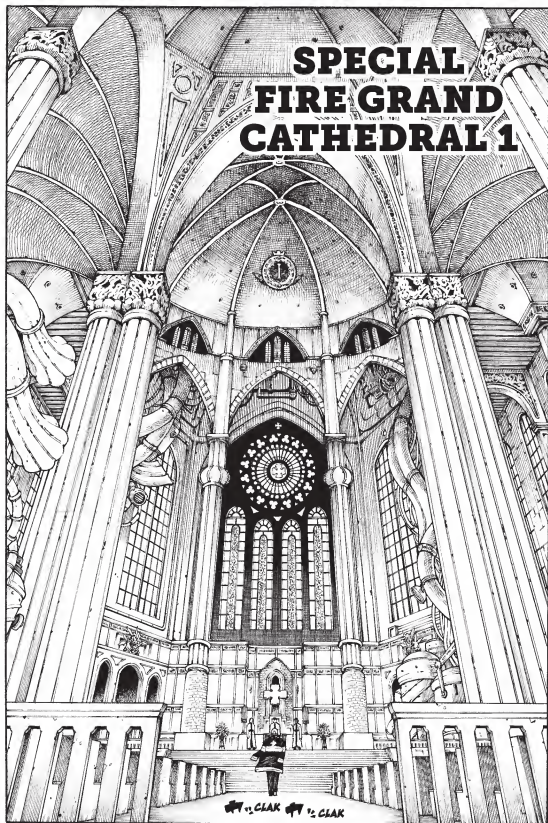


THAT'S...
COMPANY
1'S JURIS-
DICTION...



THE INFERNALS
THAT I BELIEVE
TO HAVE BEEN
CREATED ARTIFI-
CIALLY BASICALLY
ALL APPEARED
IN THE SHINJUKU
AREA.

SPECIAL FIRE GRAND CATHEDRAL 1





**SPECIAL
FIRE FORCE
COMPANY 1**

**LIEUTENANT
PRIEST**

**KARIM
FLAM**

IT'S TOO
UNNATURAL
...

**SPECIAL
FIRE FORCE
COMPANY 1**

**LIEUTENANT
PRIEST**

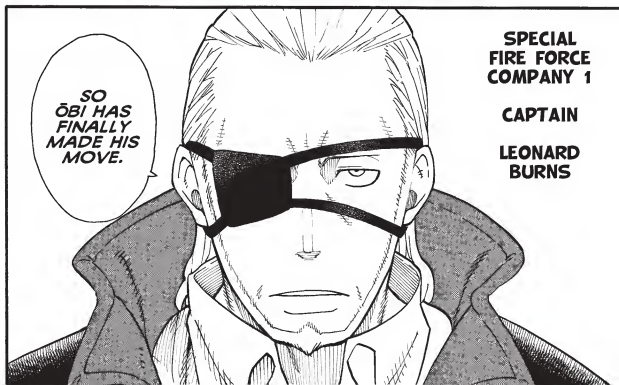
**REKKA
HOSHIMIYA**

APPARENTLY
COMPANIES
5 AND 8
HAD A DRILL
TOGETHER.

**SPECIAL
FIRE FORCE
COMPANY 1**

**LIEUTENANT
PRIEST**

**HUO
YAN LI**



SO
ŌBI HAS
FINALLY
MADE HIS
MOVE.

**SPECIAL
FIRE FORCE
COMPANY 1**

CAPTAIN

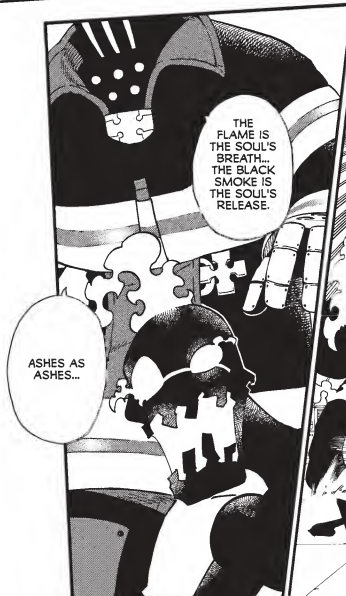
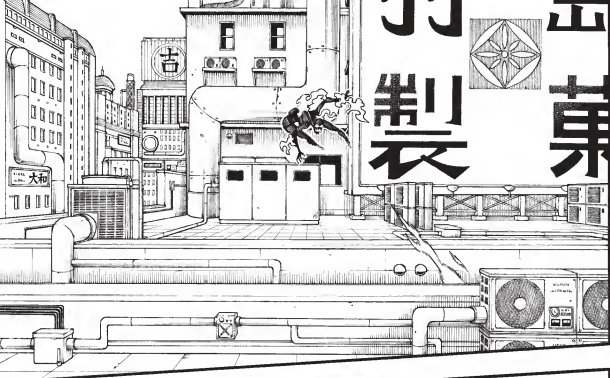
**LEONARD
BURNS**

GA A
AA A!!!





CHAPTER XXI: COMMENCE INVESTIGATION OF COMPANY 1

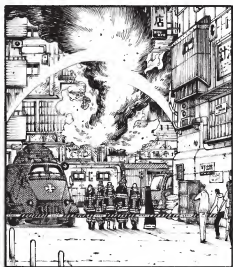
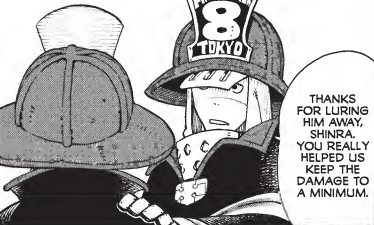


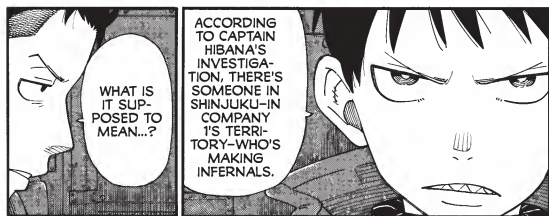
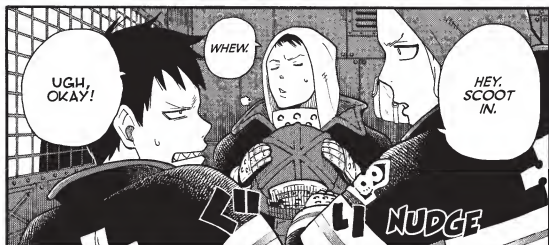
8
TOKYO
MAY
THY
SOUL...

WHAM!!

KA-BOOM!!

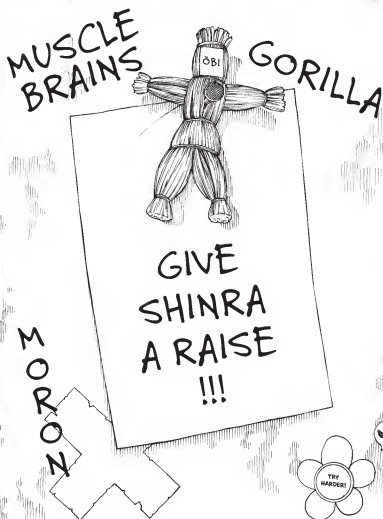
...RETURN
TO THE
GREAT
FLAME OF
FIRE.







Sign: Save a life today!





I TOLD YOU, SIR! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!



IT WAS YOU AGAIN, WEREN'T IT? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?



YOU
KNOW...
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I WAS
ASKING.

I COULDN'T
EAT IT ALL
MYSELF, AND
I DIDN'T WANT
IT TO GO TO
WASTE.

AND...AND
DON'T GET
ANY FUNNY
IDEAS.

IT'S MY
LUNCH
BREAK.

WHAT
CHOICE DID I
HAVE? I HAD
TO GIVE IT
TO SHINRA.

SEE?
HERE'S
PROOF.

I FORGOT
THAT I
BOUGHT A
LUNCH FROM
HOME, SO
I BOUGHT
SOME SNACK
BREAD.

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FIP

WHAT?!
BUT THIS
LUNCH IS
CRAZY
GOOD,
SIR!

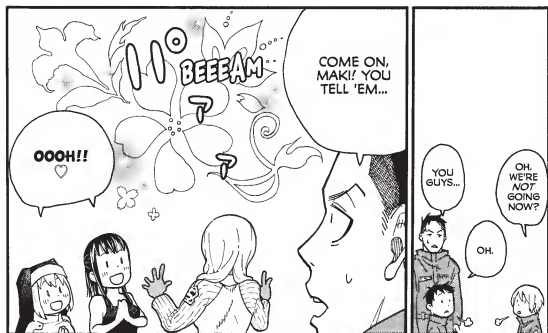
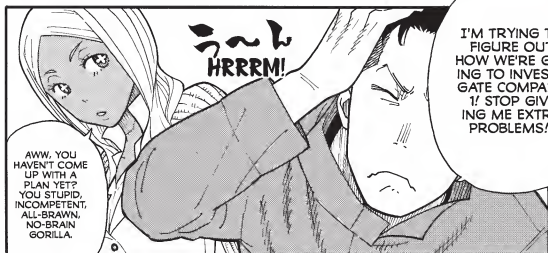
SO
YOU
LIKE
IT?

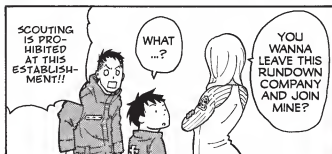
SHINRA!!
DO SOMETHING
ABOUT
HER!

HM

PH

DAMMIT!
SHE'S
BRIBING
MY SUB-
ORDINATES
WITH
FOOD!





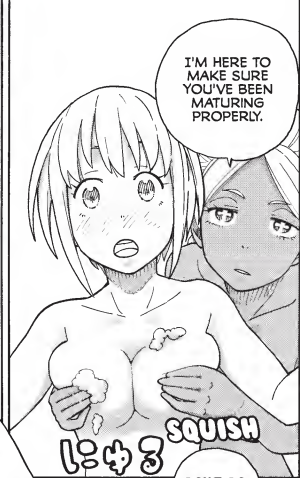


WHY
ARE YOU
BATHING
WITH US,
NE-SAN?

OH. IT'S
ACTUALLY
PRETTY
CLEAN.



YOU
TWO ARE
SO LUCKY.
LOOK AT
THOSE
SOFT,
FEMININE
BODIES...



I'M HERE TO
MAKE SURE
YOU'VE BEEN
MATURING
PROPERLY.

1-4-3 SQUISH

DON'T DO
THAT! IT'S
DIRTY!!

THAT
IS NOT
WHAT I
MEANT!

EXCUSE
ME. MY
BODY
IS VERY
CLEAN.

EH HEH
HEH...
YOU...YOU
THINK SO?

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
YOURS? THOSE
FINELY TONED
MUSCLES ARE
BEAUTIFUL.

I WISH MY
COMPANY
WOULD
TAKE A PAGE
FROM YOUR
BOOK.

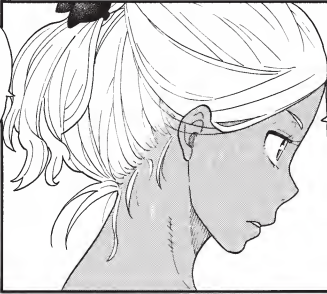


YOU'RE
GETTING
READY TO DO
SOMETHING
DANGEROUS
AGAIN.

YOU'RE
NOT REALLY
HERE TO SEE
SHINRA-SAN
ALL THE TIME,
ARE YOU?



WE DON'T
ALWAYS SEE
EYE TO EYE,
BUT OBI IS
A SHREWD
MAN. ...HE'LL
HAVE A
PLAN SOON
ENOUGH.

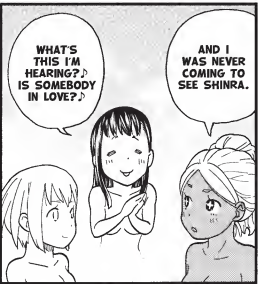


YES,
I AM
GOING
TO HELP
WITH THE
COMPANY
1 INVE-
STIGATION.
...IT COULD
MEAN
WAR.



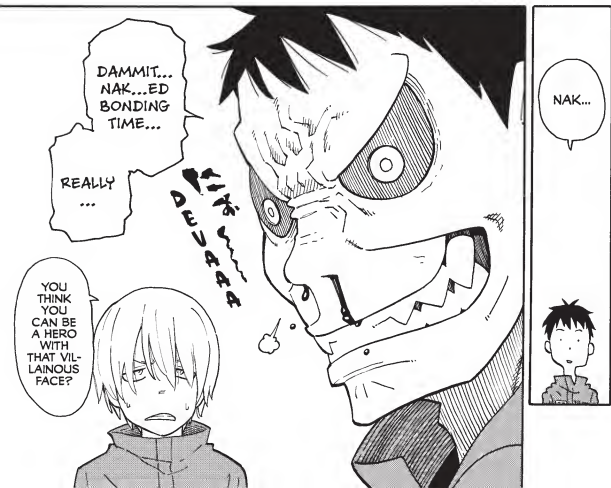
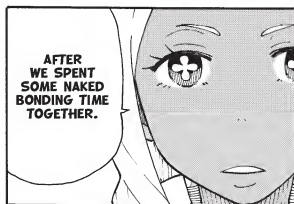
OH,
IT'S NOT
THAT
BAD!♪

HERE WE
GO AGAIN.
MAKI-SAN'S
HEAD FULL
OF FLOWERS
AND WEDDING
BELLS.

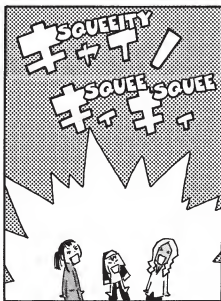
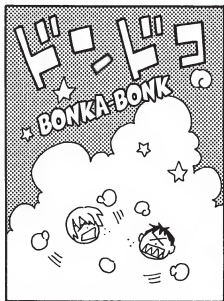


WHAT'S
THIS I'M
HEARING?♪
IS SOMEBODY
IN LOVE?♪

AND I
WAS NEVER
COMING TO
SEE SHINRA.



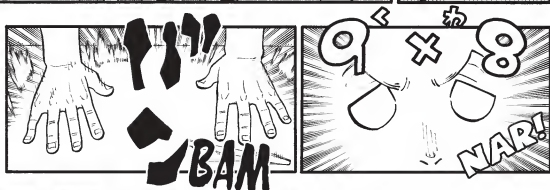
BONK BONK BONK
BONK



ALL OF YOU!!
IF YOU'RE GOING
TO INSIST ON
DISRUPTING
THE CAPTAIN'S
CONCENTRATION,
THEN GET OUT!!

How is he
supposed to
plan anything
with all this
noise?!

GLARE

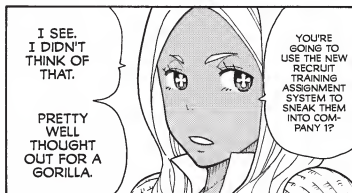
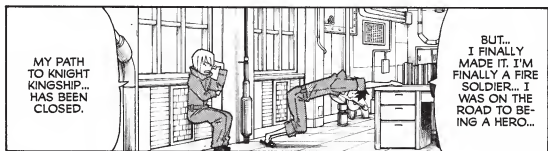


THAT'S
IT!!

YES?

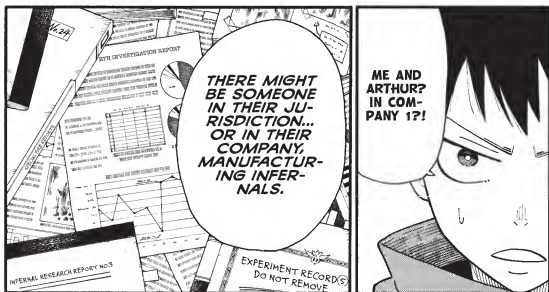
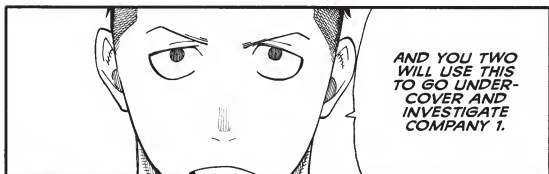
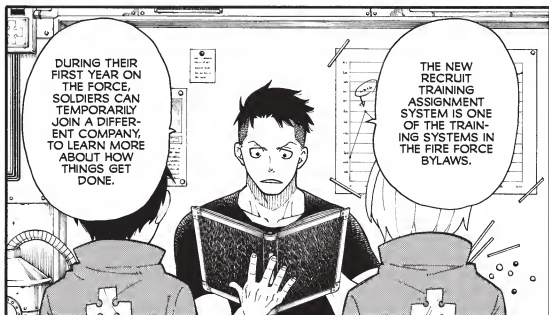
PING

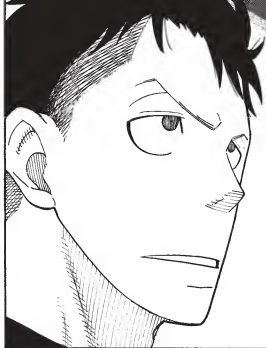




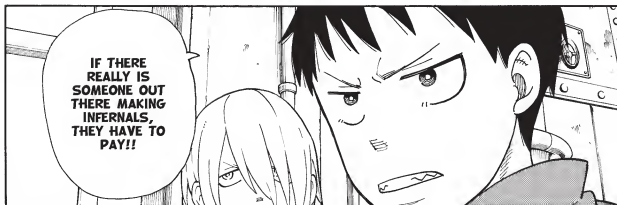
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CHAPTER XXII: OPERATION: INFILTRATE COMPANY 1





I WANT YOU
TO GET SOME
CLUES! THIS
MISSION WILL BE
VITAL IN HELP-
ING US SOLVE
THE MYSTERY OF
SPONTANEOUS
HUMAN COM-
BUSTION! WE'RE
COUNTING ON
YOU!



IF THERE
REALLY IS
SOMEONE OUT
THERE MAKING
INFERNALS,
THEY HAVE TO
PAY!!



IS IT
REALLY A
GOOD IDEA
TO SEND
THOSE
TWO?



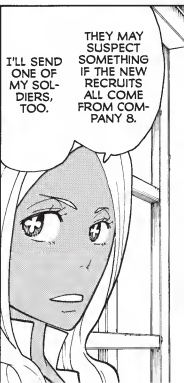
YES,
SIR
!!

PAT
???

HEH.

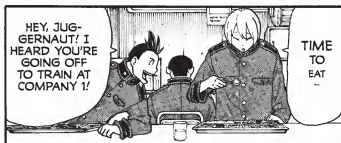
He's been
dead about
three
times.

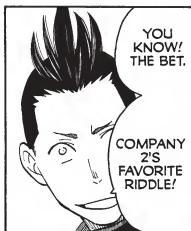
SHINRA!!
BE
STRONG
!!

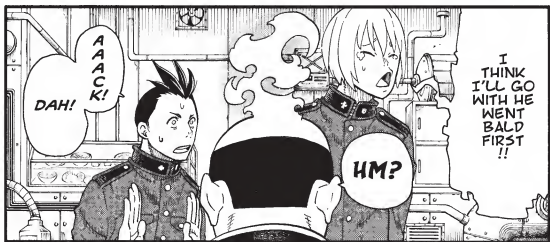
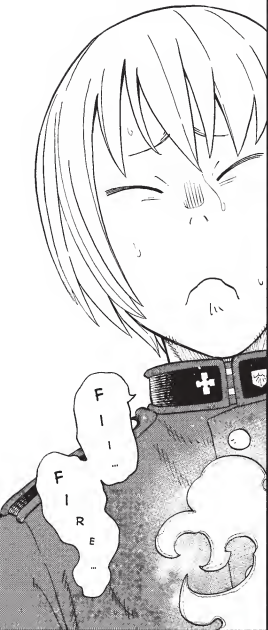


THEY MAY
SUSPECT
SOMETHING
IF THE NEW
RECRUITS
ALL COME
FROM COM-
PANY 8.

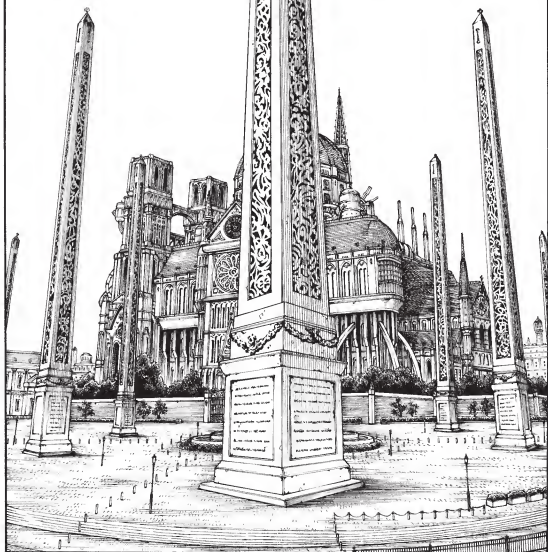
I'LL SEND
ONE OF
MY SOL-
DIERS,
TOO.







**IN FRONT
OF SPECIAL
FIRE GRAND
CATHEDRAL 1,
AT THE
HOLY SOL
OBELISK
MONUMENT**





SO THIS IS
THE HOLY
SOL OBELISK
MONUMENT.



IT'S
EVEN
MORE
TITANIC
THAN I
IMAG-
INED.

DO YOU
THINK
WE CAN
CLIMB
IT?



THE
SACRED
COMPANY
1...I DON'T
THINK I'M
WORTHY.

WHY DO
I HAVE
TO JOIN
COMPANY
1? THAT'S
SO AN-
NOYING.



IT'S
CAMOU-
FLAGE.
BE
NICE.

The
Company
2 had just
tagged
along.

I THINK WE
HAVE SOME
EXTRA GUYS.
IS THAT
OKAY?

PSST



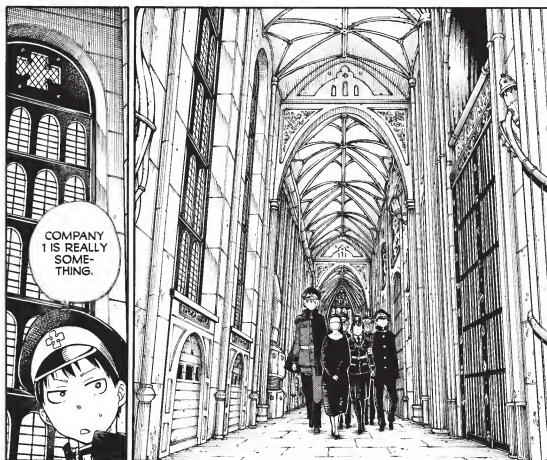
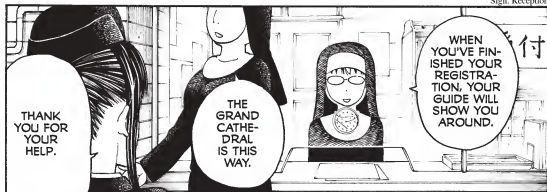
YOUR
BAGS HAVE
BEEN SENT
ON AHEAD.

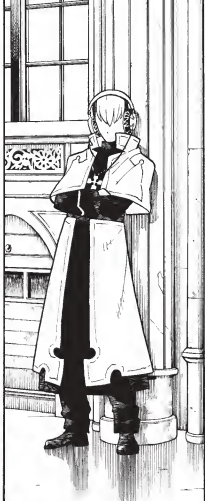
YOU CAN
GO OVER
THERE
TO FINISH
REGIS-
TRATION.

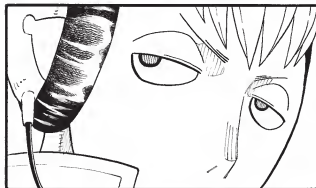


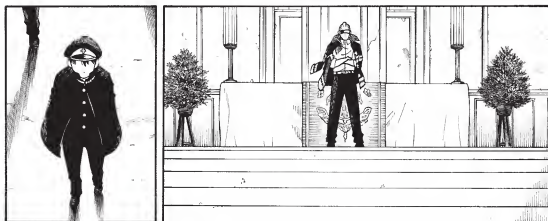
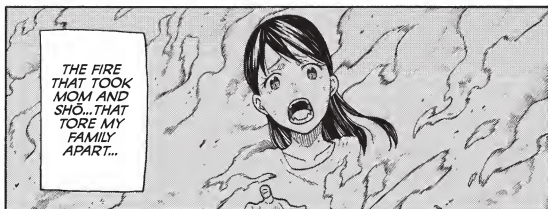
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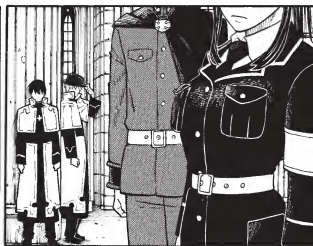
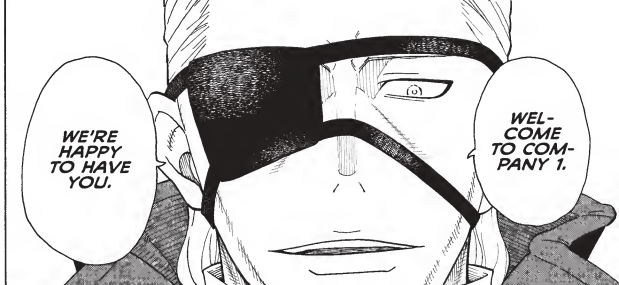
Sign: Reception



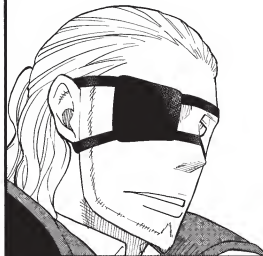




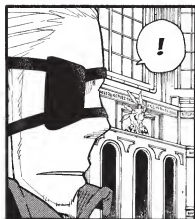








FOR TODAY,
YOU MAY
TOUR THE
FACILITY, THEN
MAKE YOUR-
SELVES AT
HOME.



!

CAPTAIN
BURNS,
IF I
MAY?



WE READ
YOUR FILES-
WE ARE WELL
AWARE OF
YOUR ABILI-
TIES. THERE'S
NO NEED FOR
A DISPLAY.



THIS MAY BE
FORWARD OF
ME, BUT I'D LIKE
TO SHOW YOU
WHAT WE CAN
DO. WOULD YOU
SPAR WITH ME,
CAPTAIN?

SHINRA!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
?!



SINCE WE
WILL BE
JOINING
COMPANY
1 ON CALLS
FOR A
WHILE...

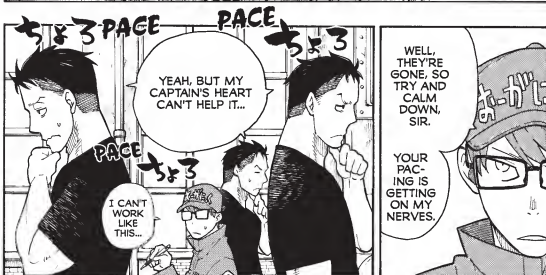
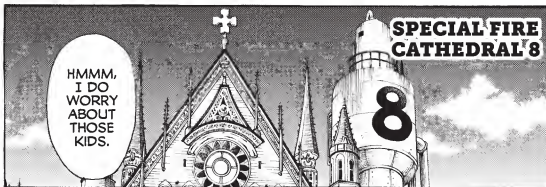


BUT
...IF I LAND A
HIT, I WANT
YOU TO
ANSWER MY
QUESTION.

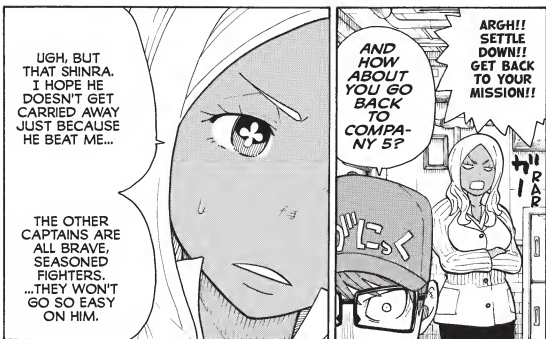
No
7
Bow

IF
YOU
INSIST.

FIRE FORCE



Hat: Organic





CHAPTER XXIII: THE PYROKINETICS OF COMPANY 1

LET'S DO THIS,
DIRTBAG!! I'M
GONNA MAKE
YOU COUGH
UP EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW!!



DARNIT,
SHIN-
RA...

I GUESS
HE'S JUST
SO EXCITED
TO BE IN
COMPANY
1, HE CAN'T
CONTAIN
HIMSELF...

WHY IS
HE SO
HOSTILE, I
WONDER...

NOW
I'M REALLY
GETTING
FIRED UP!

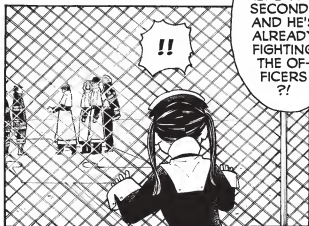


HUO YAN!!

I GUESS
REKKA
CAN'T
CONTAIN
HIMSELF,
EITHER.

CLENCH !!

I LIKE
YOUR
SPIRIT,
SOLDIER
!!

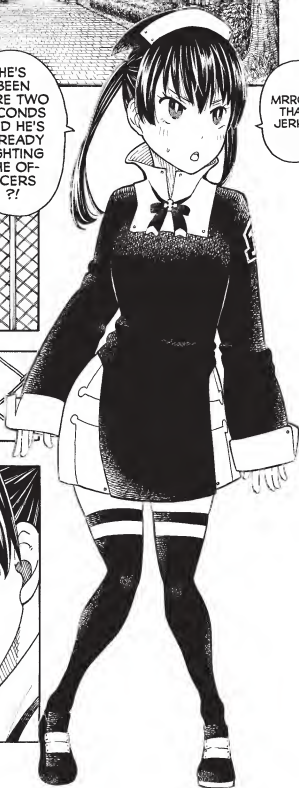


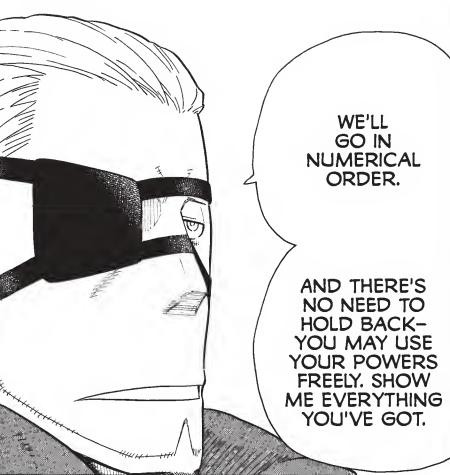
HE'S
BEEN
HERE TWO
SECONDS
AND HE'S
ALREADY
FIGHTING
THE OF-
FICERS
?!

MRRGH,
THAT
JERK!!



THE LITTLE
TWERP!! IF
HE HURTS
LIEUTENANT
REKKA, HE'LL
FACE MY
WRATH!!





WE'LL
GO IN
NUMERICAL
ORDER.

AND THERE'S
NO NEED TO
HOLD BACK—
YOU MAY USE
YOUR POWERS
FREELY. SHOW
ME EVERYTHING
YOU'VE GOT.



WHO WILL
BE GOING
FIRST?



WHAT?!
WHY?! IS
THAT IM-
PORTANT
RIGHT
NOW?!

UH...WHAT'S
INSIDE
THAT COAT
THAT YOU
END UP
LOOKING
LIKE THAT?



I'M
LIEUTENANT
HOSHIMIYA.

☆
YOU'LL BE
UP AGAINST
ME!!



WHICH
MEANS...
OH NO!!
I'M
FIRST?!

NOOOO!



I SEE!!
JUGGER-
NAUT!!

I'M
TAKERU NOTO.
SECOND CLASS
FIRE SOLDIER
FROM COM-
PANY 2.

I GREW
UP ON A
POTATO FARM,
SO PEOPLE
CALLED ME
JAGA* NOTO,
AND IT TURNED
INTO JUGGER-
NAUT.

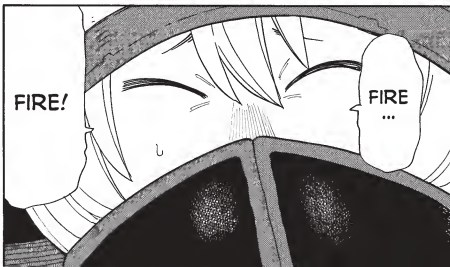
*Japanese for "potato."



LET'S
HEAT
THINGS
UP!



IS...HE
OKAY?



FIRE!

FIRE
...





I'LL
HANDLE
THE STRAY
SHOTS.

THANKS,
KARIM.



SHOW
ME YOUR
BIGGEST
AND BEST
FLAMES!
☆

NO,
I'M IM-
PRESSED,
JUGGER-
NAUT!!

CAPTAIN
BURNS!!
THAT...
DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD,
SIR!

HE NEVER
TURNS
THE HEAT
DOWN ON
THAT EN-
THUSIASM,
DOES HE?



UGH...
ALL THIS
TROUBLE IS
SO MUCH
TROUBLE.
IT'S SO
TROUBLING.

PLEASE
STEP
BEHIND
LIEUTENANT
KARIM.

I
DON'T
THINK
SO.

IS
THAT
SAFE?

HEH.

RETREAT



I'M
SCARED
OF FIRE!! I
JOINED THE
FORCE SO
THE FIRE
SOLDIERS
WOULD
PUT IT OUT
FOR ME!!

NO!
STOP
FANNING
THE
FLAMES!



I'M
BOILING WITH
EXCITEMENT!!
THE FORCE
HAS BEEN
WAITING FOR
TALENT LIKE
YOURS!!





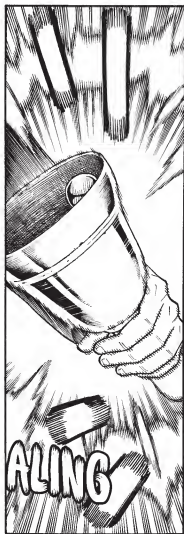
I KNOW
YOU GOT
MY BACK,
KARIM!!



DON'T
DODGE
ALL OF
THEM
!!

What
is this,
easygoing
easy going?
Piece of
easygoing!

WHEW.



ALING



TCH.



HE WIPED
THEM
OUT?!



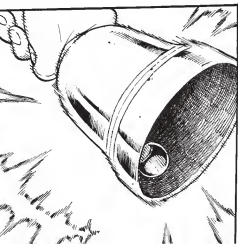
WHAT
WAS
THAT?!

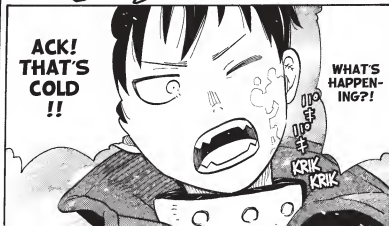


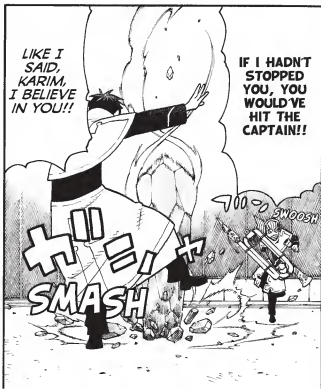
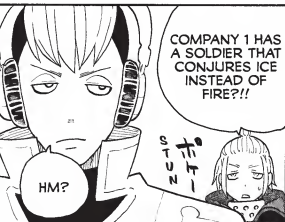
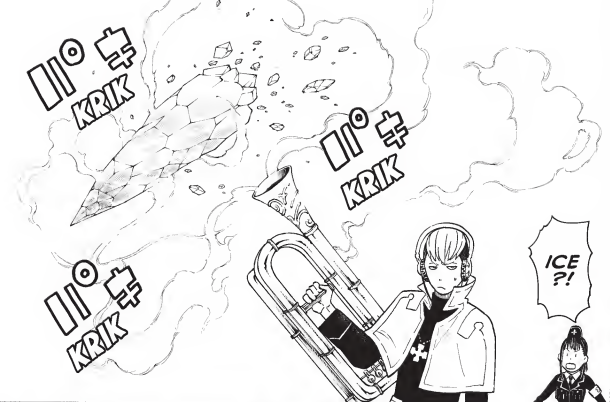
BUT YOU
CAN'T JUST
ERASE THAT
MUCH HEAT!
IT'S IMPOS-
SIBLE!

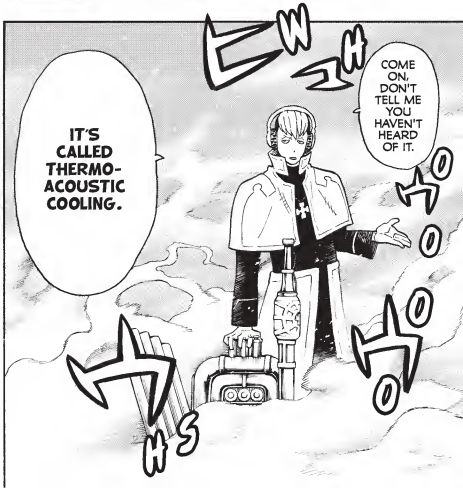
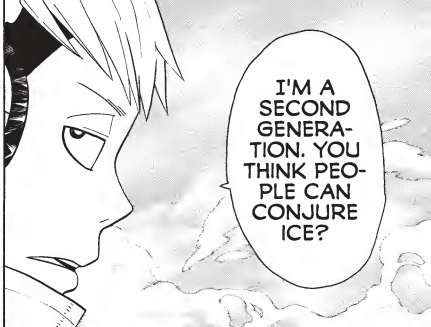


HE WOULD
HAVE TO BE
STORING AN
ENORMOUS
AMOUNT OF
ENERGY TO...









SO
YOU CAN
CHANGE
THE FIRE
ENERGY
INTO
SOUND
OR
COLD?

WHEN YOU
COMPRESS
HEAT, YOU CAN
TURN IT INTO
SOUND. THE
SOUND RUBS
AGAINST THE
AIR AND BE-
COMES COLD.

TO PUT IT
SIMPLY, IT'S
A TECH-
NIQUE THAT
CHANGES
HEAT ENERGY
INTO SOUND,
AND SOUND
INTO COLD.

YOU
CAN DO
THAT...?

BUT I DO
IT WITH MY
POWERS.
YOU KNOW
REFRIGERA-
TORS AND AIR
CONDITIONERS
TURN HEAT
INTO COLD,
TOO, RIGHT?
THEY JUST
WORK ON A
DIFFERENT
PRINCIPLE.

ニハニハ³ BLINKBLINK

WHEN THE
HEAT CHANGES
TO SOUND,
AND THEN
RECONVERTS
INTO THERMAL
ENERGY, THE
TEMPERATURE
GOES DOWN.
...YOU JUST
HAVE TO DO
THAT OVER
AND OVER.

SO I PUSH
THE FLAMES
THROUGH
THIS PIPE GUN
THAT LOOKS
LIKE A COILED
BRASS INSTRU-
MENT, AND MY
POWERS COOL
THEM INSTANT-
LY INTO ICE.

SOMEONE IN
THIS JURIS-
DICTION IS
ARTIFICIALLY
MANUFAC-
TURING
INFERNALS.

THAT'S
COMPANY
1 FOR
YOU...THEY
DEFINITELY
EARNED
THE RIGHT
TO BE
CALLED
ELITE.

...

IS ONE OF
THEM THE
CULPRIT?

OR...
COULD
THEY ALL
BE IN
ON IT
TOGETH-
ER?!

POP

AND...
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
POWERS
THAT AREN'T
ALREADY
IN MY FILE,
SO I'LL GO
AHEAD AND
PASS.

It's
another
and you're
story

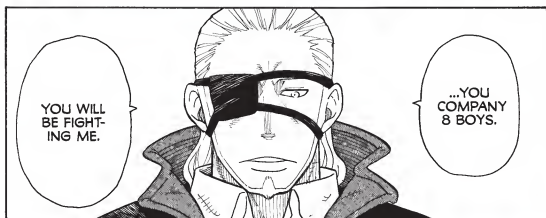
FWOO

I DON'T
ENGAGE IN
POINTLESS
BATTLES, SO
YOU'LL HAVE
TO EXCUSE
ME.

ALL RIGHT,
NEXT...



IN THAT
CASE, WE
COME
TO...



YOU WILL
BE FIGHT-
ING ME.

...YOU
COMPANY
8 BOYS.



COMPANY 1
CAPTAIN
LEONARD
BURNS!! NOW
YOU'LL SEE
WHAT I CAN
DO!!

HMPH

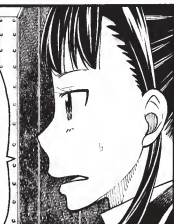


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WHY WOULD THE CAPTAIN GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO SPAR WITH A COUPLE OF SECOND CLASS SOLDIERS FROM ANOTHER COMPANY?

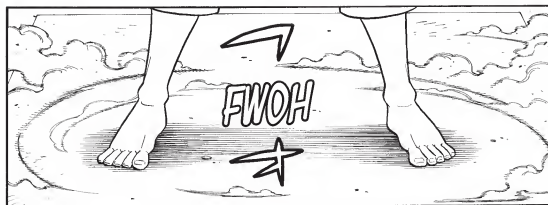


I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ABOUT TO WATCH CAPTAIN BURNS IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.



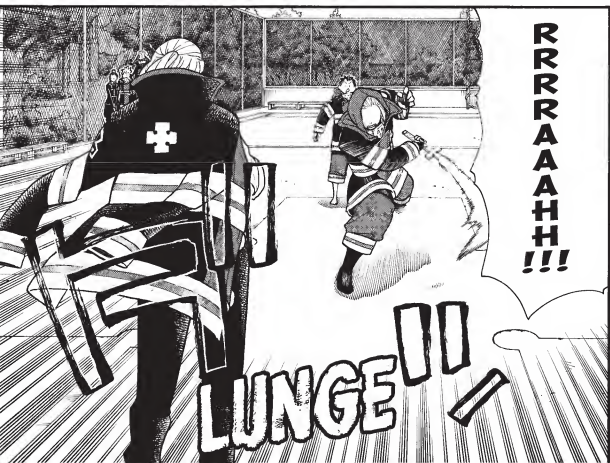
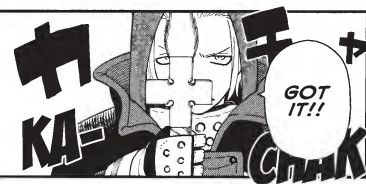
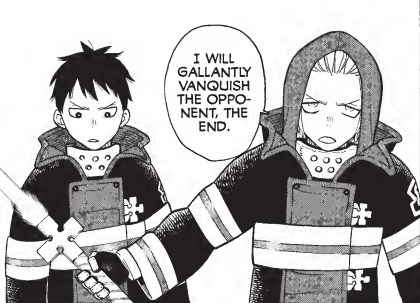
GRRR!
I'VE NEVER GOTTEN TO FIGHT HIM!

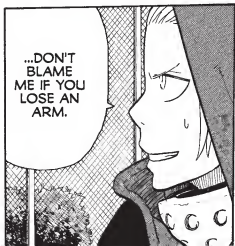
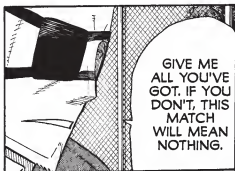
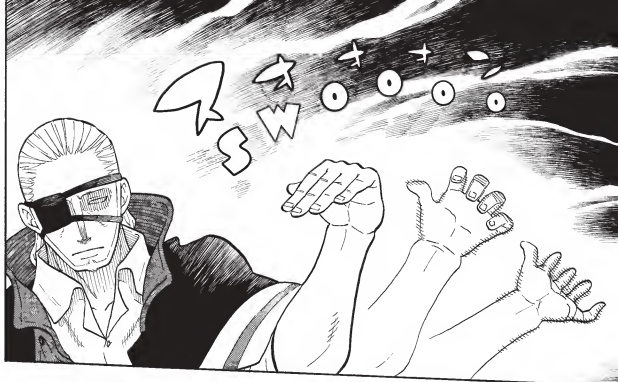
SHE'S THE GIRL FROM THE ROOKIE GAMES!

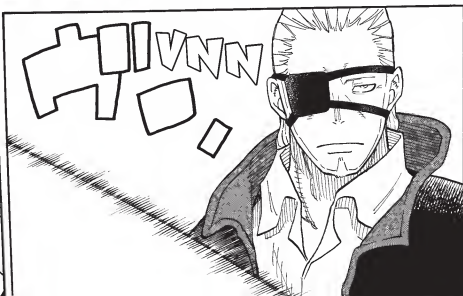
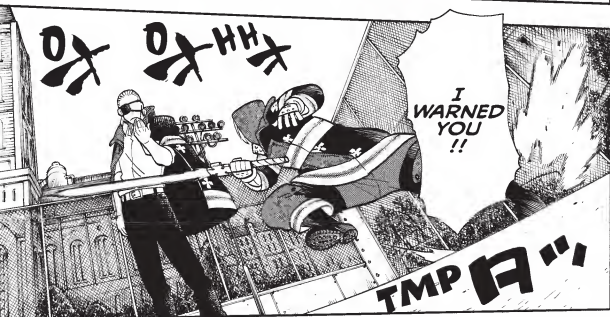
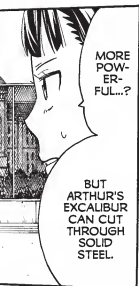


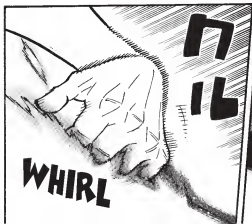
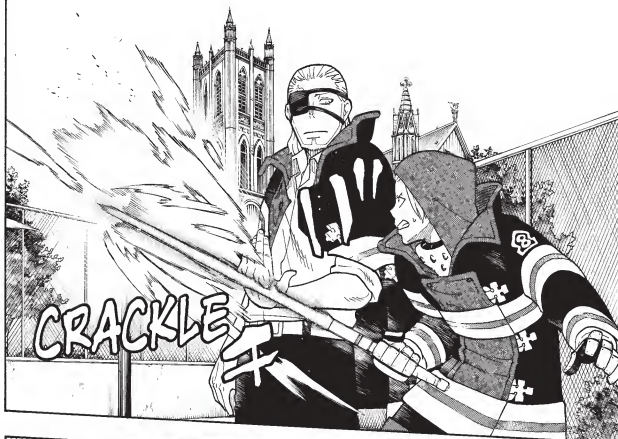


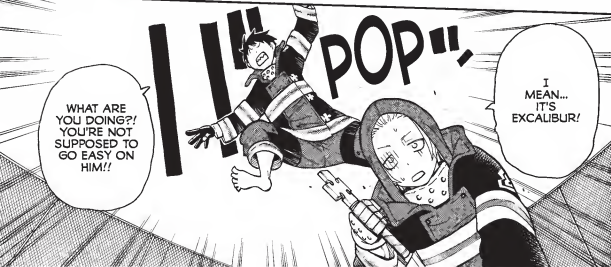
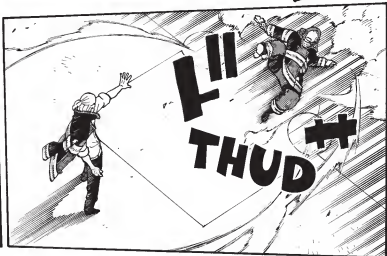
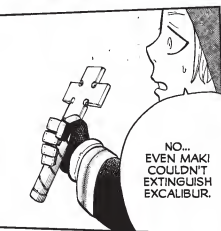
CHAPTER XXIV: SHINRA VS. BURNS

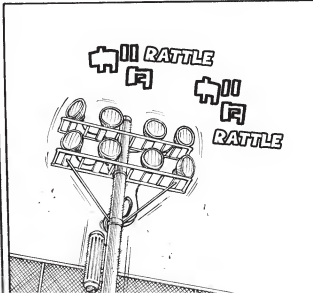






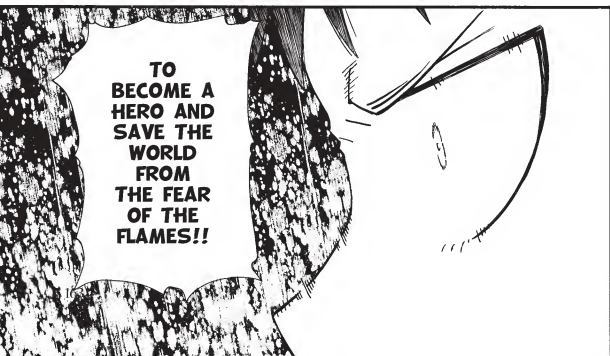


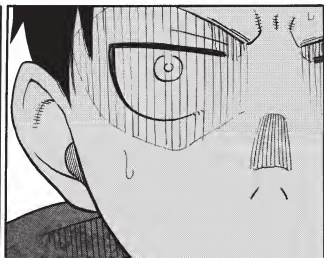
















I HOPE YOU
MAKE THE
MOST OF THIS
TRAINING AS-
SIGNMENT.

NOW I'VE
SEEN WHAT
YOU CAN DO,
I WELCOME
YOU ALL INTO
COMPANY 1.



I KICKED HIM
AS HARD AS
I COULD...
LEONARD
BURNS...ARE
YOU THAT
POWERFUL?!

...



MEOW?!

THUD
TRIP



GLOMP

DWAH?
?!



CAPTAIN!
LIEUTENANTS!
ARE YOU
HURT?!

A!!
TAMAKI.

YOU
CAN'T LET
YOUR LUCKY
LECHER WIRE
CONDITION
ACTIVATE
SO EASILY,
TAMAKI
!!

LIEUTENANT
REKKA...

WATCH
★



YES,
SIR!!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT! ☆
MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
I WANT
YOU TO
SHOW THEM
AROUND
COMPANY 1!

I'M SO
SORRY
THAT YOU
ALWAYS
HAVE TO
HELP ME!!

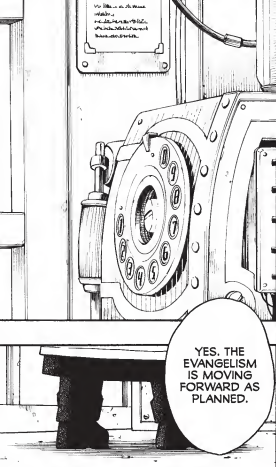
...

I STILL HAVE A
LONG WAY TO
GO...BEFORE
I HAVE ANY
CHANCE OF
BECOMING A
HERO.

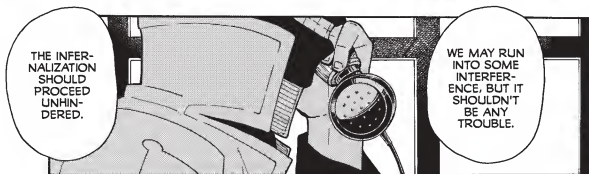
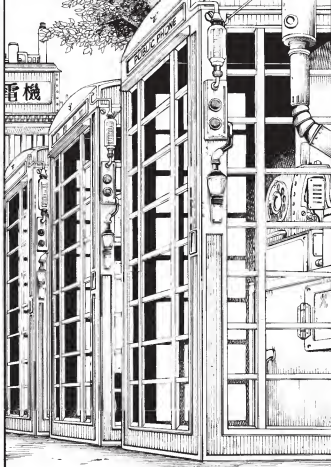
ATTENTION,
LOSERS!!
YOU'RE
COMING
WITH ME!!
I'LL SHOW
YOU WHAT
MAKES
COMPANY 1
THE BEST!!





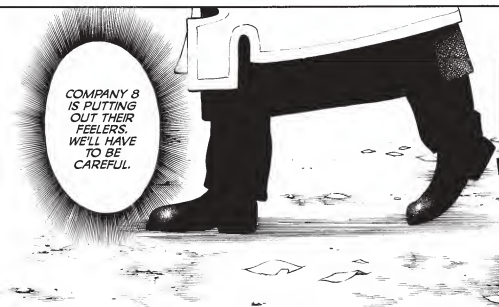


YES. THE
EVANGELISM
IS MOVING
FORWARD AS
PLANNED.



THE INFER-
NALIZATION
SHOULD
PROCEED
UNHIN-
DERED.

WE MAY RUN
INTO SOME
INTERFER-
ENCE, BUT IT
SHOULDN'T
BE ANY
TROUBLE.



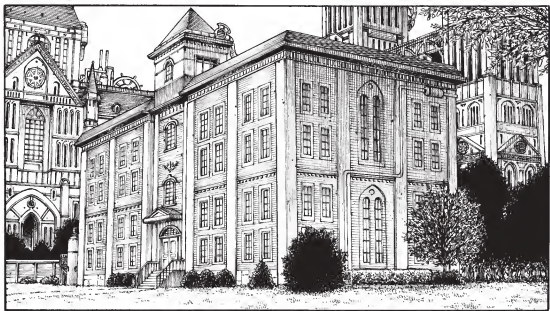
COMPANY 8
IS PUTTING
OUT THEIR
FEELERS.
WE'LL HAVE
TO BE
CAREFUL.

NOW, IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME,
EVANGE-
LIST...

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

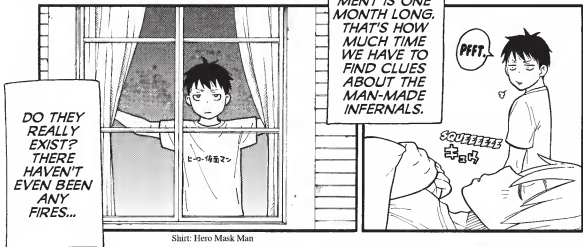


FIRE FORCE



TRAINING
WITH
COMPANY 1,
DAY FIVE.

OUR
ASSIGN-
MENT IS ONE
MONTH LONG.
THAT'S HOW
MUCH TIME
WE HAVE TO
FIND CLUES
ABOUT THE
MAN-MADE
INFERNALS.



DO THEY
REALLY
EXIST?
THERE
HAVEN'T
EVEN BEEN
ANY
FIRES...

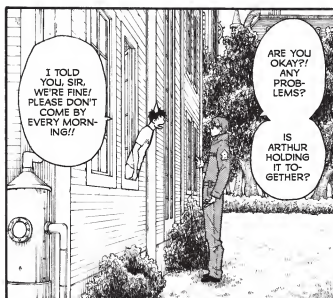
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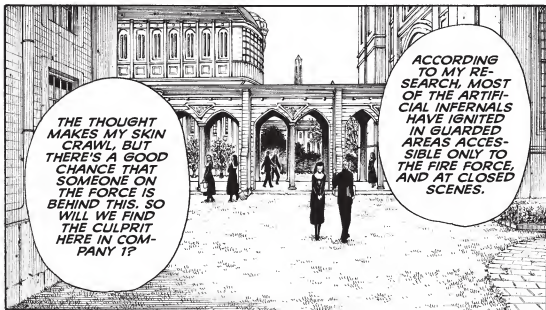
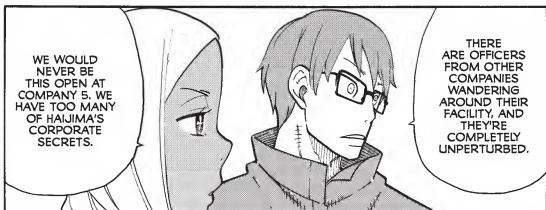
SQUEEEEEE
きゅん

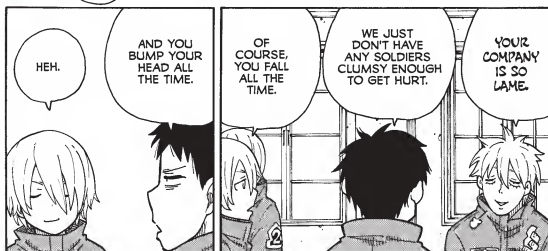
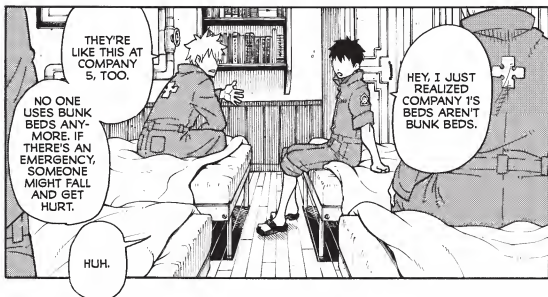
Shirt: Hero Mask Man



CHAPTER XXV: AFTER THAT SUSPECT!







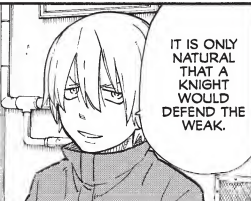


**SO I
CAN BE A
HERO, OF
COURSE
!!**

**SO I CAN
PROTECT
EVERYBODY
FROM HUMAN
COMBUSTION
AND INFER-
NALS.**



**WELL, I'M A
THIRD GEN, SO
I FIGURED I
COULD GET A
LOT OF CHICKS
IF I WERE A
SOLDIER.**



**IT IS ONLY
NATURAL
THAT A
KNIGHT
WOULD
DEFEND THE
WEAK.**



**YOU...
YOU
THINK
SO...?**

**THANKS,
SHINRA-
KUN!!**



**WHO
CARES
WHY
YOU'RE
IN THE
FORCE?**

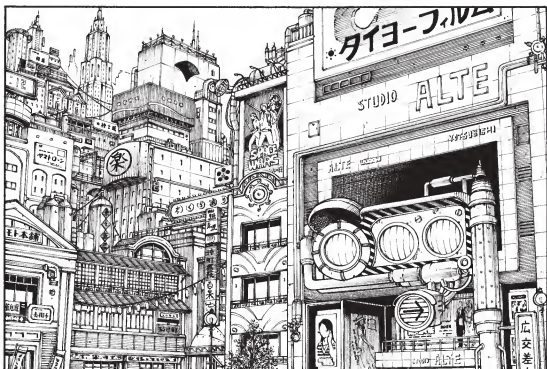
**IF YOU'RE
HELPING
PEOPLE,
THAT'S
GOOD
ENOUGH.
RIGHT?**

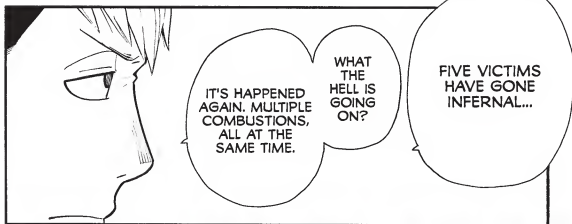


**THOSE ARE
ALL SUCH
GOOD REA-
SONS. I CAN'T
EVEN USE MY
IGNITION POW-
ERS RIGHT...**

**AND I'M NOT
TRYING TO
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING
GREAT LIKE
THE REST OF
YOU...**

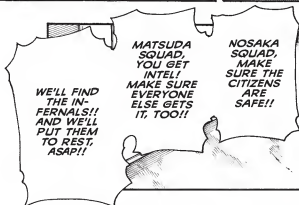








AAAAHH!!



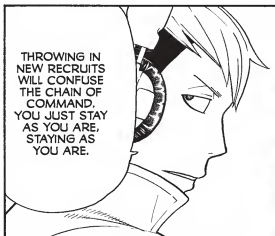
WE'LL FIND
THE IN-
FERNALS!!
AND WE'LL
PUT THEM
TO REST,
ASAP!!

MATSUDA
SQUAD,
YOU GET
INTEL!
MAKE SURE
EVERYONE
ELSE GETS
IT, TOO!!

NOSAKA
SQUAD,
MAKE
SURE THE
CITIZENS
ARE
SAFE!!



LOOKS
LIKE THE
REGULAR
FIREFIGHT-
ERS AREN'T
HERE YET.

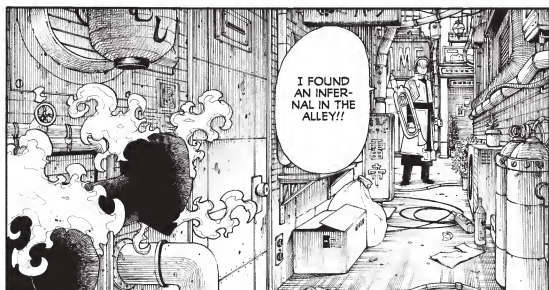


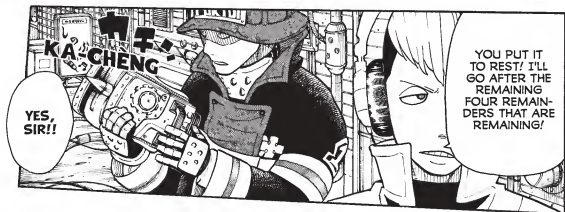
THROWING IN
NEW RECRUITS
WILL CONFUSE
THE CHAIN OF
COMMAND.
YOU JUST STAY
AS YOU ARE,
STAYING AS
YOU ARE.

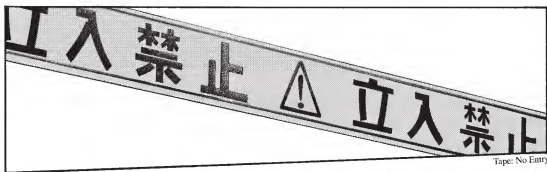


IS THERE
ANYTHING
WE CAN
DO?

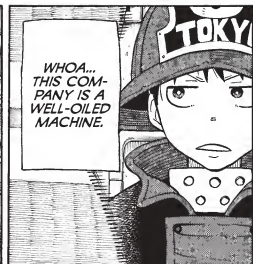
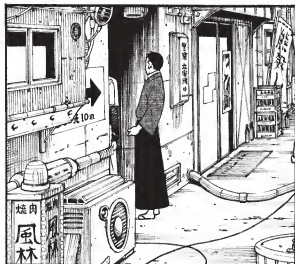
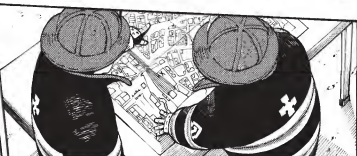
COMPANY
8 BOYS,
YOU'RE ON
STANDBY
HERE WITH
MATSUDA'S
SQUAD!
WATCH HOW
WE WORK!

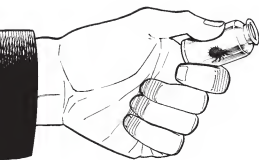




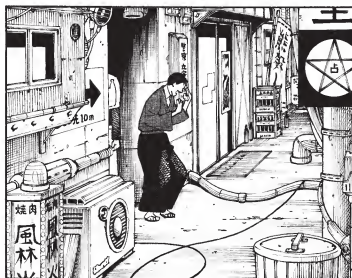
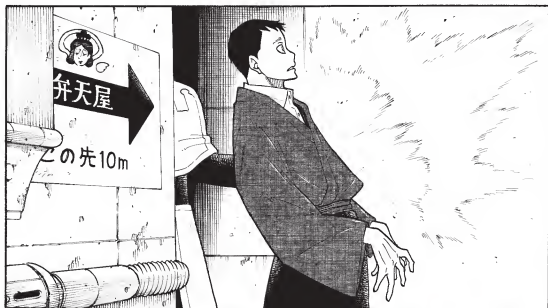


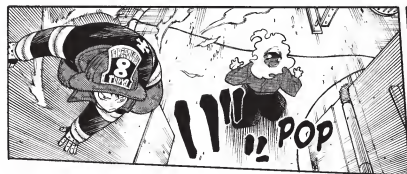
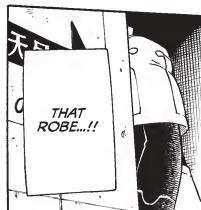
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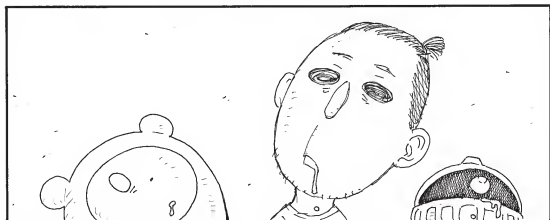
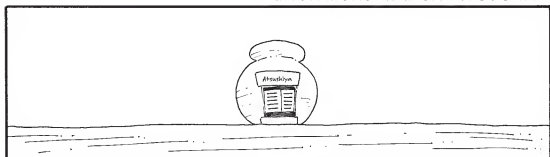


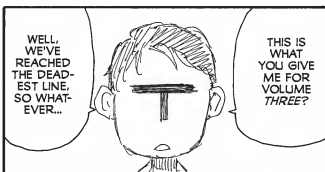
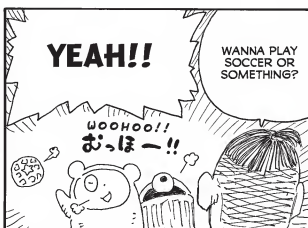
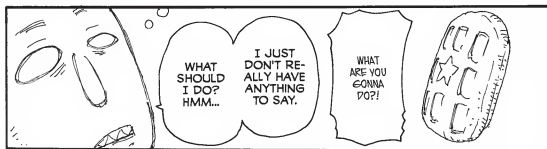
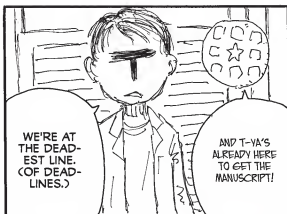
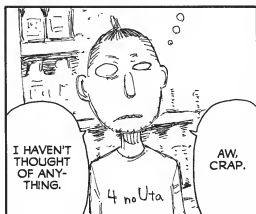






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Translation Notes:

Violet Flash, page 21

A more literal translation of this move's name would be "violet electric single flash." The Japanese name is *shiden issen*, where *shiden* literally means "purple lightning," but it can also refer to the flash of light reflected off of a sword or other blade as it is swung at an enemy. The translators simplified the name of the attack in an attempt to choose the coolest and edgiest wording.



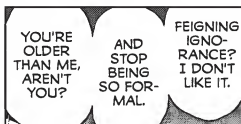
A lily, please, page 79

In answer to Hibana's question, the reason Shinra might request a lily is that the Japanese word for lily, *yuri*, also refers to romance between two women.



Stop being so formal, page 91

When speaking to Hibana, Captain Ōbi uses a polite form of Japanese. Because they are the same rank and Hibana is younger, this normally would not be required, but Ōbi defers to her as someone who has been in the Fire Force longer.



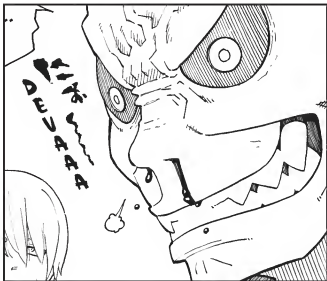
Kamélon bread, page 107

A common type of bread eaten as a snack (or a quick substitute for lunch) in Japan is melon bread, named for its melon shape. It has a hard, crispy shell, and a soft inside. As the reader can see, this particular piece of bread looks more like a turtle, and so is named Kamélon—a combination of melon and *kamé*, meaning turtle.



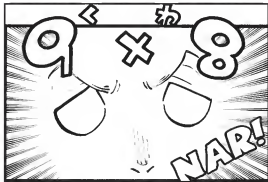
Deva, page 113

Shinra is apparently making the sound of Niō, two deva kings who are often seen guarding the gates of Buddhist temples, frightening off intruders with their wrathful countenances—countenances not unlike Shinra's face here.



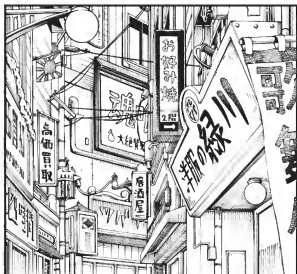
Nar, page 115

Readers may be wondering what the 9 and the 8 are doing in this panel. The answer is that they are spelling the sound effect. Because Japanese numbers have so many different pronunciations, sometimes it can be fun to spell out words using those pronunciations. For example, *yoroshiku* (roughly translated as 'nice to meet you') can be spelled 4649, where 4 is both *yo* and *shi*. In the case of this sound effect, the 9 and the 8 are used to spell *kuwa*, which is the sound of a violent burst of emotion, such as inspiration or rage. The mathematical symbol may also be a symbol of the mind at work. In a desperate attempt to replicate this effect, the translators resorted to using Medieval number abbreviations, where the N represents 90 and R is 80. These 'numbers' were chosen partially because they include nine and eight, but also because they work together to make a reasonable substitute for the *kuwa* sound.



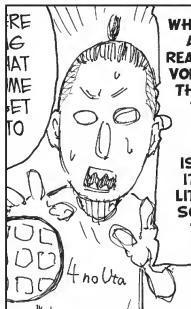
Soul Eater, big hit, page 181

Though many of the signs in this manga are left untranslated, as they're mostly atmospheric (ads for bars, automobile retailers, film companies, etc), Ohkubo-sensei inserted an ad that was a nod to his last manga, *Soul Eater*. The sign simply says "Soul Eater, Big Hit." The bar directly below the sign is named Tsubaki—another character from the manga.



4 no Uta, page 189

Translated as "Song of 4," this is the title of a song performed by the world's cutest heavy metal group, Babymetal. The song is a tribute to the number four, a number which may or may not have been chosen because one Japanese pronunciation for "four," *shi*, can also mean "death."



SISTER IRIS

AFFILIATION:
SPECIAL FIRE
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RANK:
NUN

ABILITY:
NONE



Height	154 cm [5']
Weight	42 kg [92.6 lbs.]
Age	16 years
Birthday	April 10
Sign	Aries
Bloodtype	B
Nickname	Angel (from Shinra)
Self-Proclaimed	Humble woman of the cloth
Favorite Foods	Tomatoes
Least Favorite Food	None
Favorite Music	Gospel
Favorite Animal	Sheep
Favorite Color	Light Blue
Favorite Type of Guy	Someone who goes after his dream
Who She Respects	Nē-san (Princess Hibana)
Who She Has Trouble Around	People who don't value life
Who She's Afraid Of	Violent people
Hobbies	Gardening
Daily Routine	Prayer Watering the flowers Researching dessert recipes
Dream	World peace
Shoe Size	23 cm [6]
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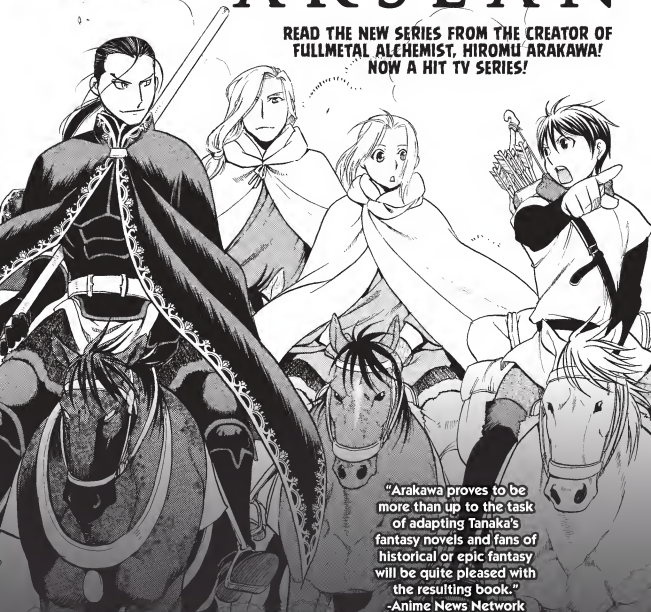
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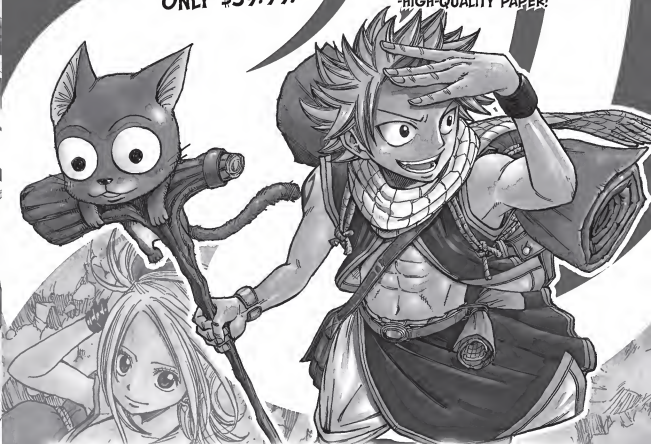
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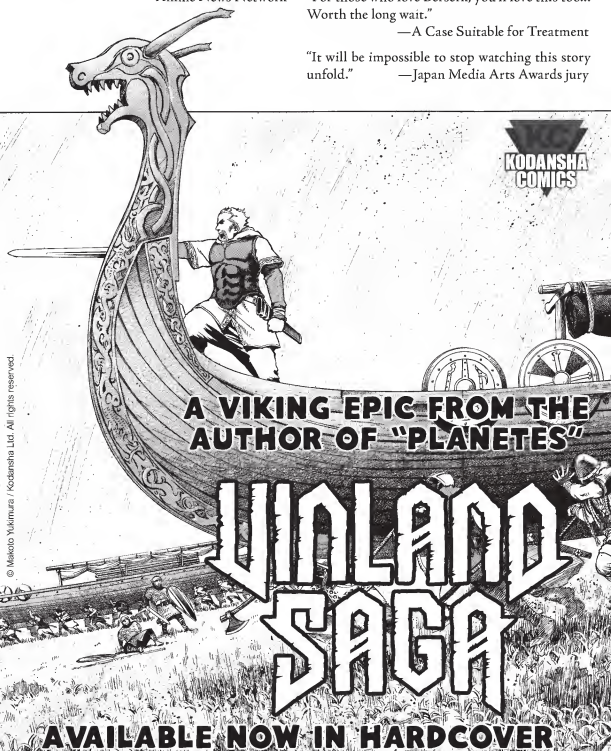
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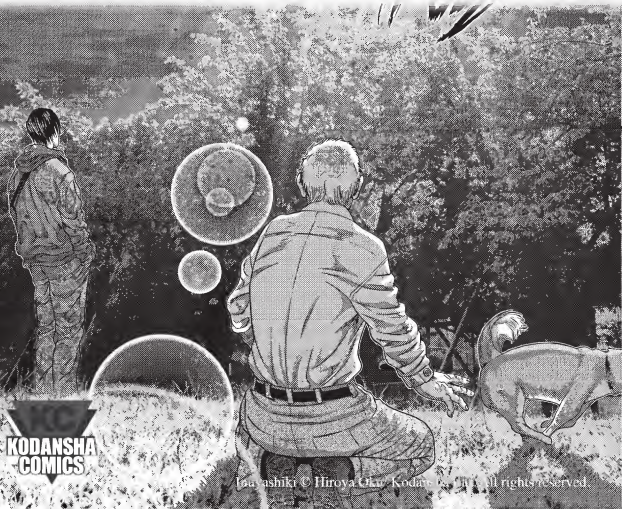
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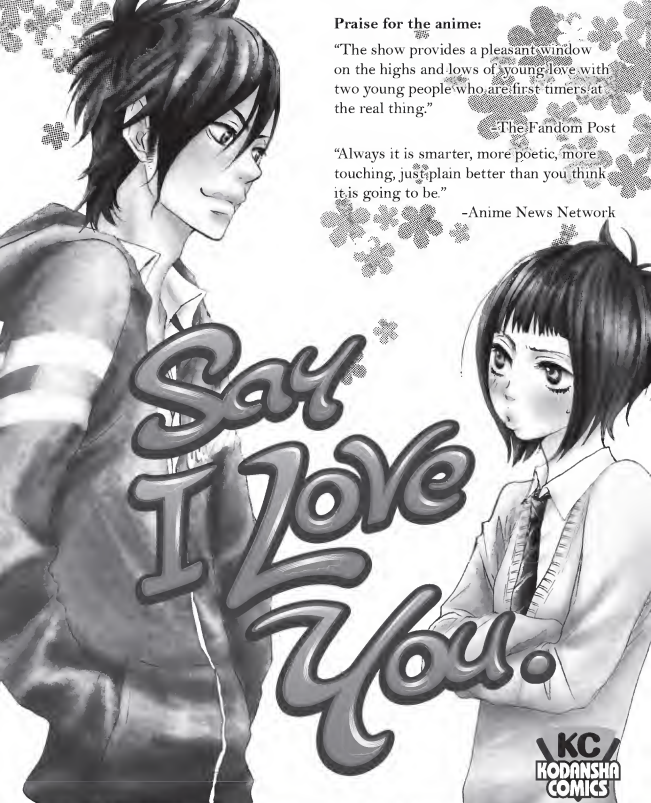


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